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SHOW OF STRENGTH



President Barack Obama speaks during a meeting with more than 20 foreign defense ministers on the ongoing operations against the Islamic State group, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Obama and military chiefs in a show of strength against Islamic State fighters in Iraq and Syria.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

Obama, Allies Plot Anti-ISIS Strategy

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and military chiefs from more than 20 nations gathered Tuesday in a show of strength against Islamic State fighters in Iraq and Syria. But the alliance faced a fresh test as Turkey

launched airstrikes against Kurdish rebels inside its borders, defying pleas from the U.S. to instead focus on the IS.

The attacks marked Turkey's first major airstrikes against Kurdish rebels on its own soil since peace talks began two years ago, and occurred amid heightened concern over Islamic State

advances on the Syrian town of Kobani. Kurds in Turkey accuse the government there of standing idly by while Syrian Kurds are being killed in the besieged border town.

The U.S. has been pressing Turkey to take a more active role in the campaign to destroy the Islamic State group. Officials from An-

kara were participating in Tuesday's meeting at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, where U.S. officials said the coalition countries were to discuss strategy.

"This is an operation that involves the world against ISIL," Obama declared, referring to the militant group by one of its many names. Officials from Ankara par-

ticipated in the meeting at Andrews Air Force Base. A U.S. military official familiar with the talks said the chiefs of defense agreed to recommend to their governments that they continue to move forward together against the extremists.

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With death toll at 1:

Hurricane Gonzalo strengthens, aims for Bermuda

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Associated Press

PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten

(AP) — Hurricane Gonzalo grew into a major Category 3 storm Tuesday and is expected to strengthen further as it heads toward Bermuda after killing a man in the Dutch Caribbean territory of St. Maarten, authorities said.

The storm had top sustained winds of nearly 115 mph (185 kph) and was centered about 770 miles (1,240 kilometers) south of Bermuda on Tuesday afternoon, said the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. It was moving northwest at 13 mph (20 kph).

Forecasters said Gonzalo could become a powerful Category 4 hurricane Wednesday as it spins over open waters through Friday on a track toward Bermuda. Category 4 storms have sustained winds of at least 130 mph (209 kph) with the potential to cause catastrophic damage.

"Folks in Bermuda are going to need to start paying attention to this thing," Dennis Feltgen, a National Hurricane Center meteorologist, said by phone.

Gonzalo was blamed for the death of an unidentified elderly man who was aboard a boat in St. Maarten's Simpson Bay

Lagoon, which looked like a ship graveyard Tuesday

Caribbean territory of St. Martin and another man

windows.

Susan Cuniff, who helps run



Surfers ride the waves in the waters at La Pared Beach in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014. Hurricane Gonzalo moved away from the area, but churned up heavy surf across much of the Caribbean, Tuesday. Forecasters said it could pick up strength and become a major storm as it approaches Bermuda.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

with several masts protruding from the water.

Acting Coast Guard Director Wendell Thode said 22 of the 37 boats destroyed by the storm were in the lagoon.

"Most of the boats that are destroyed are completely under water," he said.

Authorities were searching for a man last seen on a dinghy near the French

last seen standing close to a harbor in St. Barts, said Matthieu Doligez, general secretary of the prefecture in St. Martin.

Police Chief Peter de Witte said no one was reported missing in St. Maarten.

Most of the Dutch Caribbean territory was without water and electricity Tuesday, and residents reported losing roofs, doors and

the Liberty Inn hotel in front of Simpson Bay Lagoon, said people were not prepared for a hurricane.

"It was a big storm, much bigger than people predicted, and a lot of bad things happened," she said in a phone interview. "Boats crashed into each other and trees were downed and even the zoo was decimated." □

Violent clashes ignite in downtown Hong Kong

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HONG KONG - Pro-democracy demonstrators battled the police for control of important downtown arteries here into the early hours on Wednesday, with the police pushing protesters out of a park using pepper spray and wrestling some of those who resisted to the ground.

The violent confrontation came hours after tit-for-tat actions escalated a tense standoff in this Asian financial center and as the authorities showed growing impatience with the protests that have choked traf-

fic in the city for more than two weeks.

On Tuesday morning, the police drove protesters off a major road, using chain saws to dismantle the barricades they had built there. Hours later, the protesters braved pepper spray to seize a street tunnel near the offices of Hong Kong's leader.

The latest confrontation, which started about 3 a.m. Wednesday, was near the tunnel as hundreds of police wielding batons and shields moved in on a crowd of hundreds of demonstrators in the park nearby.

The police action came

as pressure on the Hong Kong authorities grew after the Chinese government made its highest-level denunciation yet of the protesters, accusing them of pursuing a conspiracy to challenge Beijing's power over the city.

Zhang Xiaoming, the head of the central Chinese government's liaison office in Hong Kong, said the movement had "provoked" the central Chinese government and engaged in "radical forms of street confrontation," the China News Service reported.

"The best way to avoid having all of Hong Kong's residents pay a steeper

price," he was reported as saying, was to end the movement "as soon as possible."

On Tuesday night, hundreds of protesters occupied the short traffic tunnel near the offices of Hong Kong's chief executive, Leung Chun-ying, after facing off against rows of police officers in riot-control gear. Witnesses said the officers used pepper spray as they tried to hold back the demonstrators, some of whom shielded themselves with umbrellas, the symbol of their movement. After a brief, chaotic standoff, the police retreated and the crowd cheered. □

CARIBBEAN News Briefs

Cuba: Fidel Castro reprints NY Times embargo editorial

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro has reprinted a New York Times editorial calling for the end of the U.S. embargo on Cuba. In an unusual move, the 88-year-old Cuban leader quotes the 1,057-word article almost word-for-word in his own editorial printed in state media Tuesday, omitting only one sentence about his government's release of political prisoners and another about U.S.-Cuban cooperation. He says the Times appears to be "laying out the most suitable political position for its country's interests" and describes the U.S. as having "growing political, economic, financial and commercial problems." Cuba is suffering from years of economic stagnation that the country blames on the U.S. embargo, which bars most American companies from doing business on the island. Castro last appeared in an official photo in August but regularly publishes editorial columns.

4 killed in Jamaica after leaving office of Chinese group

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— An official with a Chinese engineering firm says four people were ambushed and killed after leaving a company office in central Jamaica. Zhong Dong Tang is a regional director with China Harbour Engineering Company, which is working on a major highway project on the Caribbean island. In a statement, he said four people were "senselessly gunned down" Sunday shortly after leaving the company's site office in the town of Linstead. The Chinese company is vowing to work with police to bring the killers to justice. A spokeswoman says the victims were Jamaican nationals. Police officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment. □

American killed by ex-colleague in Saudi Arabia

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Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)

— A Saudi-American dual national who was recently fired from a U.S. defense contractor shot two American ex-colleagues in Saudi Arabia's capital, killing one and wounding the other in what appeared to be a settling of scores, security and diplomatic officials said.

The gunman, Abdulaziz Fahad Abdulaziz Alrashid, was taken into police custody after being injured in a shootout with Saudi security forces, said a statement released in Washington on behalf of the Saudi Embassy.

Alrashid, 24, was recently dismissed from his job for drug-related issues, the statement said, citing the Saudi Interior Ministry for that information.

A person with knowledge of the shooting, who was not authorized to discuss the incident publicly, told The Associated Press that the shooter believed that the victim he shot dead had turned him in for the alleged drug use.

"We are in close contact with the Saudi government as we continue to gather details about the shooting and motive," Psaki said. Vinnell Arabia declined to comment when contacted by the AP. A spokesman for parent company Northrop Grumman could not be immediately reached.

Vinnell Arabia's Web site features a recruitment video with personal accounts from former U.S. military personnel who now work for the company — including veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The attack was likely to send chills through the Western expatriate workforce in the kingdom, which has been on alert for possible terrorism.

In September, Saudi police said they had arrested 88 people suspected of being part of an al-Qaida cell that was planning attacks inside and outside the kingdom. □

US, Russia vow intel-sharing on Islamic State



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov talk as they sit together in the grounds of the Chief of Mission Residence in Paris, France, Tuesday Oct. 14, 2014. The top U.S. and Russian diplomats are hoping to find a way to begin reversing a yearlong spike in tensions stemming from Ukraine's revolution and civil war when they meet Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, Pool)

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The United States and Russia vowed Tuesday to renew cooperation on a broad array of global security matters, including intelligence sharing on Islamic State militants, even as the two powers remained deeply at odds

over the crisis in Ukraine.

Although Secretary of State John Kerry didn't use the term "reset" — a relationship-mending term President Barack Obama coined in his first term to tighten US-Russian ties — he employed familiar language about managing differences and forging a

better partnership on matters where they agree.

After meeting for more than three hours in Paris with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Kerry said both sides need to recognize they have "major responsibilities" as world powers, from combating Islamist extremism in the Mid-

dle East to dealing with Iran and North Korea's nuclear programs. As a concrete example of their work together, he said the U.S. and Russia would start sharing intelligence on the Islamic State militants, which the U.S. and allies are fighting in Iraq and Syria.

Lavrov, speaking separately, confirmed intelligence-sharing would begin and also spoke positively about improving U.S.-Russian ties.

"Mr. Kerry and I don't represent warring sides," he said. The nations play a "special role" in the world, he said. "We can cooperate better together to increase the effectiveness of settling problems for larger society. That especially concerns the fight against terrorism, which has now become the main threat to the whole Mideast."

The divide in their positions over Ukraine clearly persisted, however.

Russia and its allied forces in the country must halt remaining violence in the restive east, pull back forces and weapons and release any hostages, Kerry said, noting that he'd told Lavrov that any independence referendums wouldn't be recognized by the world. □

Obama, allies plot anti-ISIS strategy

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"To contribute capabilities best suited to each nation, and to take action to build on the successes already achieved by coalition efforts on the ground and in the air." The official requested anonymity for providing the information.

Earlier Tuesday, the U.S.-led coalition launched 21 airstrikes in and around Kobani. One of the strikes targeted the Tel Shair hill that overlooks parts of the city, according to Idriss Nassan, deputy head of Kobani's foreign relations committee.

Nassan said Kurdish fighters later captured the hill and brought down the black flag of the Islamic State group. The extremist group still controls more than a third of the predominantly

Kurdish town.

While the White House has tried to point out progress in the campaign against the militants, the government is also preparing the American public for a military effort that could extend well beyond Obama's presidency. Officials acknowledged Tuesday that the airstrikes in Kobani may not be enough to prevent a militant takeover, given the lack of an effective fighting force on the ground.

"We certainly do not want the town to fall," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said. "At the same time, our capacity to prevent that town from falling is limited by the fact that air strikes can only do so much."

Syrian Kurds have been begging the internation-



Turkish Lt. Gen. Erdal Ozturk, second from left, and others, listen as President Barack Obama speaks during a meeting with more than 20 foreign defense ministers on the ongoing operations against the Islamic State group, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Obama and military chiefs from more than 20 nations gathered Tuesday in a show of strength against Islamic State fighters in Iraq and Syria.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

al community for heavy weapons to help bolster their defense of Kobani. They've also called for Turkey to open the border to allow members of the

Kurdish militia in northwestern Syria — known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG — to travel through Turkish territory to reinforce the city. □

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US government says it could have done more on Ebola

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

— The top-disease fighting agency in the U.S. acknowledged Tuesday that an American nurse might not have been infected with Ebola if a special response team had been sent to Dallas immediately after a Liberian man there was diagnosed with Ebola. The stark admission from the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention came as the World Health Organization projected the pace of infections accelerating in West Africa — to as many as 10,000 new cases a week within two months. In West Africa, a Sierra Leone soldier tested positive for Ebola, although a government spokesman said he is not a member of, and had no contact with, a battalion of peacekeepers waiting to deploy to Somalia, a government spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Liberia's transport minister said she was voluntarily isolating herself inside her home after her driver died of Ebola.

The two situations underscore the precautions be-

ing taken to minimize the spread of the deadly disease, and the risks inherent in the movement of people.

infected with Ebola and that nine have died.

CDC Director Tom Frieden outlined a series of steps designed to stop the spread

diagnosed to minimize the risk of more infections.

The announcement of the effort came after top health officials repeatedly assured



Army Staff Sgt. Samuel Hines, left, helps Cpl. Zachary Wicker tape gloves to his uniform in Fort Bliss, Texas, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014. About 500 Fort Bliss soldiers are preparing for deployment to West Africa where they will provide support in a military effort to contain the Ebola outbreak.

(AP Photo/Juan Carlos Llorca)

In another example of the disease's relentless march, Doctors Without Borders said Tuesday that 16 of its staff members have been

of the disease in the U.S., including increased training for health care workers and changes at the Texas hospital where the virus was

the public over the last two weeks that they were doing everything possible to control the outbreak by deploying infectious-disease

Dog of Dallas nurse with Ebola moved to air base

DALLAS (AP) — Officials say the year-old King Charles Spaniel belonging to the Dallas nurse hospitalized with Ebola has been given comfortable bedding, toys and other items to entertain him while he stays at a decommissioned naval air base.

City spokeswoman Sana Syed said Tuesday that Bentley is staying in the former residence of the executive officer at the decommissioned Hensley Field,

which is owned by the city. Bentley was moved Monday from nurse Nina Pham's apartment to his new home, where he'll be monitored.

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings says city officials vowed to do everything in their power to care for Pham's beloved pet.

There was an uproar in Spain after Madrid authorities euthanized a dog belonging to a nursing assis-



This Oct. 13, 2014, photo shows Bentley in Dallas, the one-year-old King Charles Spaniel belonging to Nina Pham, the nurse who contracted Ebola.

(AP Photo)

tant sickened by Ebola. Authorities were concerned

the dog might be harboring the virus. □

specialists to the hospital where a Liberian man was diagnosed with Ebola and later died.

"I wish we had put a team like this on the ground the day the patient — the first patient — was diagnosed. That might have prevented this infection. But we will do that from today onward with any case anywhere in the U.S.," Frieden said.

Frieden described the new response team as having some of the world's leading experts in how to care for Ebola and protect health care workers. They planned to review everything from how the isolation room is physically laid out, to what protective equipment health workers use, to waste management and decontamination.

The Sierra-Leone soldier became ill while working at a military facility in Ben-gwema, and has been admitted to a military hospital, according to Abdulai Bayraytay, a spokesman with Sierra Leone's Ministry of Information.

Fear of Ebola's spread has already slowed the deployment of a battalion of Sierra Leone troops, who were supposed to relieve soldiers serving with an African Union mission to protect the Somali government and fight al-Shabab militants. The replacements' deployment was put on hold this summer when the Ebola outbreak in West Africa spiraled out of control.

It was unclear if the announcement of the Ebola case would throw the deployment into doubt.

In Europe, the WHO said the death rate in the outbreak has risen to 70 percent as it has killed nearly 4,500 people, most of them in West Africa. □

US Justices stop parts of Texas abortion law

MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Tuesday blocked key parts of a 2013 law in Texas that had closed all but eight facilities providing abortions in America's second most-populous state.

In an unsigned order, the justices sided with abortion rights advocates and health care providers in suspending an Oct. 2 ruling by a panel of the New Orleans-based U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals that Texas could immediately apply a rule making abortion clinics statewide spend millions of dollars on hospital-level upgrades.

The court also put on hold a separate provision of the law only as it applies to clinics in McAllen and El Paso that requires doctors at the facilities to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. The admitting privileges remains in effect elsewhere in Texas.

Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas said they would have ruled against the clinics in all respects.

The fight over the Texas law is the latest over tough new abortion restrictions that have been enacted across the country. The office of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican who is the favorite in next month's governor's race, is leading the defense of the law. Critics call the measure a back-door effort to outlaw abortions.

The 5th Circuit is still considering the overall constitutionality of the sweeping measure overwhelmingly passed by the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry last year.

But even as it weighs the merits of the law, the appeals court said that it can be enforced in the meantime — opening the door for the emergency appeal to the Supreme Court.

"We're seeing the terrible impact these restrictions have on thousands of Texas women who effectively no longer have access



A Supreme Court Police officer stands on the steps of the Supreme Court in Washington. The Supreme Court on Tuesday blocked key parts of a 2013 law in Texas that had closed all but eight facilities providing abortions in America's second most-populous state.

(Drew Angerer/The New York Times)

to safe and legal abortion," said Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the daughter of Texas' last Democratic governor. "We're relieved that the court stepped in to stop this, and we hope this dangerous law is ultimately overturned completely."

Abortion opponents predicted they will ultimately prevail.

"This does not protect the health and safety of women who are undergoing abortion," said Joe Pojman, executive director of Texas Alliance for Life. "'This is definitely a short-term loss, but not necessarily a long-term loss.'

The 5th Circuit decision had blocked an August ruling by Austin-based U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel, who had found that requiring hospital-style upgrades was less about safety than making access to abortion difficult. Yeakel's ruling temporarily suspended the upgrade rules before they could go into effect Sept. 1 — and the order from the Supreme Court means they are on hold again.

Allowing the rules on hospital-level upgrades to be enforced — including mandatory operating rooms and air filtration systems — shuttered more than a dozen clinics across Texas. □

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Democrats' hopes for gains in House fading fast

JONATHAN WEISMAN

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WASHINGTON - After countless dire emails and months of fading bravado, national Democrats in recent days have signaled with their money what they have been loath to acknowledge out loud: They will not win back the House and they will most likely lose additional seats in November.

Since last week, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has essentially given up efforts to unseat Republicans in several races, pulling advertising money from a dozen campaigns in Republican-held districts to focus on protecting its embattled incumbents.

Democrats need 17 Republican seats to win back



Incumbent Republican Rep. Paul Ryan of Janesville answers a question as he faces Democrat Rob Zerban, of Kenosha, during the 1st Congressional District Debate at the Campbell Student

Union auditorium, Carthage College, in Kenosha, Wis.
 (AP Photo/Darren Hauck)

the majority, but of the 25 races still on the campaign committee's battlefield, only seven currently belong to Republicans. That means they are playing defense in 18 districts and offense in seven.

"This is shaping up to be the quintessential sixth year of a president's term, and a referendum on this president," said Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. Rep.

Steve Israel of New York, chairman of the Democratic campaign committee, doggedly refused on Tuesday to admit the basic math that had put control of the House out of reach. "I haven't even conceded the Mets aren't in the World Series this year," he said.

But campaign committee aides now say they never really expected to make a run at the majority, and had not been able to

gain traction because of President Barack Obama's stubbornly low approval ratings, Senate races that have gone poorly for the Democrats in states like Colorado and Iowa, and governor's races that went sour (Illinois) or never really developed (California, New York.)

They called the continuing retrenchment a "fine-tuning" of the battlefield.

"I absolutely would not say we're in triage mode," Israel insisted. "There's a difference between triage and making strategic decisions."

No matter what they call it, the moves in the last week have been drastic. The campaign committee has withdrawn from races once seen as the most promising in the country.

Rep. Mike Coffman of Colorado, once seen as one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the country, will no longer face advertising by

the campaign committee. His opponent, Andrew Romanoff, the speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives, was considered one of the Democratic Party's best recruits for 2014. But the money that was supposed to take Romanoff to the finish line was hastily shifted to California to save Rep. Ami Bera, who Democrats feared was being buried in an avalanche of Republican spending. Democrats spent months painting Virginia state Delegate Barbara Comstock as too conservative for her suburban Washington district. Last week, the campaign committee left her opponent, Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust, to fend for himself.

"The net effect of the decision is there is no effect," said Shaun Daniels, Foust's campaign manager, who maintained that Foust remained poised for victory. In California, Reps. Jeff Denham and David Valadeo, Republicans in districts carried by Obama, were supposed to be doomed by their party's refusal to embrace immigration reform. A year ago, Democrats hailed their recruits in those races as rising stars. Last week, the Democrats pulled out.

Two years ago, Rep. Rodney Davis, a Republican, won his southern Illinois House seat by a mere 1,000 votes, and Democrats saw former Circuit Judge Ann Callis as a candidate who was tough enough to knock him off. Last week, the committee also took its money from her.

"That is such a death blow to a campaign, when the national party pulls out their money," said Andrea Bozek, the Republican campaign committee's spokeswoman. "It's 'see you later.'"

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US Financial Front:

Household Finances and Rising Costs May Curb Holiday Spending

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It is going to be a frenetic holiday sales season. Kmart has already kicked off its Christmas advertising blitz, and surveys show a resurgence of interest in Black Friday bargains.

Across the country, retailers from Macy's to Wal-Mart are adding a projected 800,000 holiday workers to their ranks, their highest level of seasonal hiring since 1999, according to the outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

But forecasters warn that businesses could ultimately struggle to get households to spend more this holiday season.

Stagnant wage growth, coupled with the rising costs of health care, child care, housing and other essentials, means that many Americans simply have less money left at the end of the year for presents, experts say. Reflecting imbalances elsewhere in the economy, much of the holiday season spending will come from wealthier shoppers.

PricewaterhouseCoopers projects that average holiday season spending per household will fall to \$684 this year from \$735 in 2013, primarily because of sluggish salaries and rising costs of living.

Households that earn less than \$50,000 annually are expected to spend an average \$377 on holiday shopping, compared to \$978 for households that earn more than \$50,000, according to the report, based on a survey of 2,200 U.S. consumers.

In a survey to be published this week by the personal finance website Bankrate.com, two-thirds

of respondents said they would limit how much they spend each month. That, Bankrate said, could be an ominous sign for the holi-

comes as the main reason, and 29 percent the need to save more. The survey was based on telephone interviews this month with

sales to grow 4.1 percent from last year to \$616 billion. Still, the federation - which bases its forecasts on consumer credit read-



An undated handout screenshot from "Kmart Not a Christmas Commercial." Across the country, retailers are adding a projected 800,000 holiday workers to their ranks, their highest level of seasonal hiring since 1999, but forecasters warn that businesses could ultimately struggle to get households to spend more this holiday season.

(Handout via The New York Times)

day shopping season. Of those limiting their monthly spending, 32 percent cited stagnant in-

1,007 adults in the United States. The National Retail Federation is more upbeat, saying it expected holiday

ings, disposable personal income and monthly retail sales - warned that shoppers would be "extremely

price sensitive" to keep household budgets in line.

"The vast majority of the country is finding they need to buy less stuff, or go down-market," said Joseph Nathan Cohen, assistant professor of sociology at the City University of New York, who studies household spending patterns. "There's pressure to spend on the holidays, but so many people are still so tight on cash."

Experts say the holiday shopping season will be marked by dogged bargain-hunting. Shoppers appear ready to go to lengths - trawling online, visiting multiple stores - to find deals that will stretch their precious dollars.

For Helen Brezinski, 65, an administrative assistant at a New York commercial real estate firm, holiday shopping this year is all about the dollar store. □

Ailing global economy could lead Fed to delay hike

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just as the U.S. job market has finally strengthened, the Federal Reserve now confronts a new worry: A sputtering global economy that's spooked investors across the world.

The economic slump could spill into the United States, potentially weakening job growth and keeping inflation well below the Fed's target rate. Such fear has led some analysts to suggest that the Fed might wait until deep into next year to start raising interest rates — and then raise them more gradually than expected.

"I'm beginning to think that the Fed might delay (a rate increase)," said Bob Baur, chief economist at

Principal Global Advisors, an asset management firm. "If we don't see a better situation in Europe and better things out of Japan and stability in China, they might hang on just a little bit longer."

Yet so far, the prospect of continued lower rates — which make loans cheaper and can fuel stock gains — is being outweighed by investors' mounting fears of weakness from Asia to Europe to Latin America. After shedding 223 points Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average is now 5.5 percent below its September peak. Americans with stocks in their retirement accounts have taken a beating — at least for now. On Tuesday, solid earnings from several large U.S. banks gave stocks a boost.

The Dow was up nearly 100 points, or 0.4 percent, in midafternoon trading.

Since the Great Recession ended five years ago, Fed officials have often stressed that their policies were devised to nurture the U.S. economy and job market alone. But Fed officials are now assuring international financial leaders that they will closely monitor the effects of the Fed's policies on overseas economies. And the Fed's vice chair has publicly acknowledged that the turmoil abroad could lead the Fed to act more cautiously.

"If foreign growth is weaker than anticipated, the consequences for the U.S. economy could lead the Fed to (raise rates) more slowly than otherwise," Vice Chair Stanley Fischer

said in a speech last weekend.

Fischer's remarks followed a rash of data last week that pointed to slower growth worldwide. Germany reported sharp declines in factory output and exports, which raised fears that Europe's biggest and strongest economic power could fall into recession. China's efforts to rein in government and private debt have slowed its expansion. And consumers in Japan are still spending listlessly after a big sales tax increase took effect in April.

"The world economy's engines have been sputtering," said Douglas Porter, chief economist at BMO Financial Group.

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American Living:

The Tallest, if Not the Fairest, of Them All

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NEW YORK - When viewers tune in to "The Tonight Show" these days, besides Jimmy Fallon's huge smile and the Afro of his bandleader, Questlove, they are met by a remarkably realistic Manhattan skyline.

Pier 17 mall and the Maritime Hotel.

Yet one building is missing that is impossible to miss, and not only from Fallon's offices at Rockefeller Center but just about everywhere in New York City: 432 Park Ave.

On Friday, the 104-unit condominium tower reached

penthouses, it is possible to look down on the observation deck there, flash bulbs glittering like an oversize chandelier.

But even more than the views from the apartments, it may be the views of them that give 432 Park its allure. From Central Park, Park Avenue or Park Slope, there

the developer building the \$1.3 billion tower, said at a topping-out ceremony on Friday for 1,500 construction workers. "Except instead of it looking at you, you're looking at it wherever you are. You can't escape it." Not that everyone agrees the building, developed with the CIM Group, based

whether it has changed for better or worse. Some are awed by the slender, omnipresent obelisk, its perfect symmetries, an undeniable feat of engineering; others are repulsed by its dimensions, both physical and financial, where units cost as much as \$95 million, an undeniable feat of excess.

"For people who watch the skyline and love it, I think there's a real struggle," said Vin Cipolla, president of the Municipal Art Society. "There's a handsomeness about the building you can't deny, but it's so out of context and so imposing, it's hard to know what to make of it."

His group has urged City Hall to more closely monitor these supertowers, of which a dozen others are already in the works throughout Manhattan.

The monuments in New York, unlike those in London, Paris and Washington, have always been its tall buildings. This one is no different.

For the first three centuries, it was a pair of churches, Collegiate and Trinity. Then came the World Building, Manhattan Life Insurance, Park Row and Woolworth, emblems of the city's business and media might.

The Empire State Building, constructed in 410 days, showed hardworking beauty and recessionary resolve. The World Trade Center, both original and resurrected, built as a symbol of defiance that the city would be great again. And now, with more than half of the 104 condos sold, including the \$95 million penthouse and the cheapest units starting at \$7 million, 432 Park proves that that skyline is for sale.



The tower at 432 Park Avenue, center in Midtown Manhattan, New York City. At 1,396 feet, 432 Park Avenue is the newest addition to the skyline and now the tallest residential building in Manhattan.

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

There is the cityscape on a curtain, of course - a staple of late-night television since Johnny Carson was on the air - but also 37 wooden models behind Fallon's desk. And not just of familiar landmarks like the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty, but less obvious ones, too, including the Hearst Tower, the

its peak of 1,396 feet. At 96 stories, it is arguably the tallest building in the city. One World Trade Center has its spire, but the skyscraper itself is 28 feet shorter than 432 Park. As for the Empire State Building, this new 93-foot-by-93-foot concrete megalith bests it by nearly 150 feet. From the living room of 432 Park's

it is. On the George Washington Bridge or Long Island Expressway, there it is. In the bleachers at MetLife Stadium or Citi Field, there it is. Everyone from cinematographers and muralists to tourists and snow globe makers must now contend with the tower.

"It's almost like the Mona Lisa," Harry B. Macklowe,

in Los Angeles, is a work of art.

"God, does it stand out," said Marlene Rosenthal, who regularly glimpses it while riding Metro-North. "It's a status symbol, and that's the name of the game in this city."

There can be no doubt the skyline has changed, yet New Yorkers are less sure

Turkish airstrike hits Kurds, complicating fight against IS

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ISTANBUL - In the face of increasing international pressure, Turkey took decisive military action Monday - not against the Islamic State militants that Turkey's Western allies have urged it to fight, but rather against the Kurdish militant group that has been battling the Islamic State.

Turkish warplanes struck positions of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, known as the PKK, in southeastern Turkey late Monday. The group, long an enemy of the Turkish state, had put down its weapons last year to talk peace. But on Tuesday, Turkish officials said the Kurdish militants had attacked a military outpost, leading to the government's first airstrikes against the group in nearly two years.

The military action immediately reverberated well beyond Turkey's borders because it is an offshoot of the PKK that is struggling to defend the Syrian Kurdish city of Kobani, which has been besieged by Islamic State for weeks.

As that battle has played out under the watch of news organizations, their cameras just across the border in Turkey, it has become a flash point for international criticism of Turkey's unwillingness to take a greater role in fighting Islamic State. But Turkey's actions against the Kurds and its refusal to allow the PKK to shuttle reinforcements through Turkish territory to fight the Islamic State have led most analysts to this conclusion: that Turkey's leaders see the battle for Kobani mostly as a chance to let two of its enemies duke it out, rather than as a cause for alarm.

"It's a consistent approach to the conflict," said Aaron Stein, a Turkey expert and a fellow at the Royal United Services Institute, a London-based research organization. "And I think they are happy to have them kill each other."

Turkey's posture is one

piece of what has become a tangled web of alliances and conflicting goals among the many countries who want to see Islamic State eradicated. The United States, for instance, has found itself sharing the battlefield in Iraq with Iranian-backed Shiite militias that once killed U.S. soldiers. In Syria, though, the United States and Iran diverge, as Iran is a stalwart ally of the Syrian president, Bashar Assad, while the United States would prefer to see Assad leave power. That dynamic of twisted allegiances has been starkly on display in the fight for Kobani, too. While Turkey took military action against the PKK, the United States ramped up its bombing runs over Kobani, in support of the PKK's Syrian splinter group, the Democratic Union Party, or PYD - even though the United States and its European allies have listed the PKK as a terrorist group.

For his part, the Turkish president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has insisted that the Islamic State and the PKK pose the same threat and must both be confronted. "Hey world, when a terrorist organization like ISIS emerges, you all speak out, but why don't you speak out against the PKK as a terrorist organization?" Erdogan said recently, using an alternative name for the Islamic State. Further complicating the picture, Turkey not only wants to extinguish Kurdish ambitions of autonomy, it also wants the international coalition to fight not just the Islamic State, but Assad's government. "Turkey is against both ISIS and Assad," the Turkish prime minister, Ahmet Davutoglu, said Tuesday.

It may be clear, then, who Turkey's enemies are, but it is far from clear what its strategy is to face them. Coming as it did while Turkey is under pressure by the United States to do more against the Islamic State, the military action against the PKK represented, intentional or not, a pointed message to its Western ally.



Smoke rises following an airstrike by the U.S.-led coalition in Kobani, Syria as fighting continues between Syrian Kurds and the militants of Islamic State group, as seen from Mursitpinar, on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014. Turkey took decisive military action earlier this week - not against the Islamic State militants that Turkey's Western allies have urged it to fight, but rather against the Kurdish militant group that has been battling the Islamic State.

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Eurozone and France are on collision course over budget

JAMES KANTER

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LUXEMBOURG - The eurozone's finance ministers began making last-ditch efforts Monday to avoid a clash with France, which must formally submit its budget for scrutiny by the European Union authorities by the middle of the week.

The French government recently announced a "no austerity" budget for 2015, saying it would miss its European Union-mandated deficit target for the second time since 2012 - and by a wide margin. If France makes no modifications before formally submitting the budget Wednesday, the government could find itself in a standoff with European officials that they assert could threaten the unity of the euro currency bloc.

"The figures we're hearing from Paris are not very hopeful," Jeroen Dijsselbloem, president of the group of eurozone finance ministers, said Monday. The group convened for a monthly meeting that began in the afternoon and was expected to continue into the evening. Recent declarations by the government in Paris were cause for "some worry," he added.

Ministers agreed Monday that bloc's fiscal rule book was "an anchor of confidence in the EU" that needed to be preserved, Dijsselbloem told a news conference after the meeting.

There are concerns, however, that by pushing France too hard on meeting its budget obligations, the European Union authorities could further weaken President François Hollande and his efforts to revive the French economy, and could strengthen the far-right party National Front, led by Marine Le Pen.

Forcing France to prune further also could hurt the economies of its big trading partners, like Germany.

Wolfgang Schäuble, the normally hard-charging German finance minister and deficit discipline taskmaster, was among those who suggested Monday afternoon that priority should be given to avoiding a prolonged confrontation with Paris.

"We will wait until France has presented its budget and structural reforms," Schäuble said on his way into the meeting. "The European rules are there to be stuck to." But he added that he was "confident that a solution can be found in the case of France." The pressure is on Paris to make cuts or face censure by the European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union. The penalties could include fines, although no eurozone country has ever been sanctioned for missing its deficit targets - as even Germany has done in the past. Smaller eurozone members that were forced by the commission and their international lenders during the lengthy sovereign debt crisis to make painful spending cuts to meet budgeting goals want to see the rules applied fairly and equally to large states like France. The European Commission, moreover, does not want to see a rerun of what happened during the middle of the last decade when large countries like Germany flouted the rules, which are meant to ensure that disparate economies can operate on a single currency by having all governments adhere to basic debt and deficit guidelines. □



A cyclist passes steaming chimneys on the river Rhine bank in Duisburg, Germany. Europe got more bad news about its dominant economy Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014 when the German government slashed its growth estimates for this year to 1.2 percent from 1.8 percent.

(AP Photo/Frank Augstein)

Germany slashes growth forecast

DAVID McHUGH
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— Europe got more bad news about its dominant economy Tuesday when the German government slashed its growth estimate for this year to 1.2 percent from 1.8 percent.

The cut follows a run of disappointing data on exports, industrial production and factory orders — the heart of Germany's manufacturing and export-dominated economy. The drip, drip of bad news has raised fears that Germany could slip back into recession or stagnate, dragging down the 18-country eurozone — which itself is struggling to stoke a recovery.

The Economy Ministry also cut the forecast for next year, to 1.3 percent from 2 percent.

Economy and Energy Minister Sigmar Gabriel blamed external causes. He said geopolitical conflicts and mediocre global

growth were holding Germany back, while domestic demand and employment remain strong. Germany is a major exporter, selling autos and industrial machinery into the growing economies in China and the United States.

"The German economy finds itself in difficult external waters," Gabriel said in a statement.

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has rattled businesses, leading them to hesitate in making investment in expanding production. The spread of the radical Islamic State militia in Syria and Iraq is another unsettling factor, while headlines about Ebola probably don't help, either. The forecast revision came on top of a downbeat reading for another indicator, the ZEW survey of investment analysts. The index fell to minus 3.6 points from 6.9 points in September. That was worse than the zero expected by mar-

ket analysts. The ZEW survey, based on interviews, is more forward-looking than hard data on industrial production and orders, which report what happened in the past.

Germany's troubles are adding to worries about the overall fate of the European economy. The eurozone economy did not grow at all in the second quarter compared with the quarter before, dragged down by a 0.2 percent contraction in Germany. The weak eurozone figure followed four quarters of unsatisfactory growth as the currency union made a start at recovering from a crisis over high government debt.

The failure to achieve stronger growth and to lower unemployment from a painfully high 11.5 percent has raised fears in the eurozone of another downturn that could complicate member countries' efforts to reduce debt. □



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Mexico prosecutor: Students not in 1st mass graves

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CHILPANCINGO, Mexico

(AP) — None of the 43 students missing since a confrontation with police in a southern city were among the 28 bodies found in the first set of mass graves outside that town, Mexico's attorney general said Tuesday.

Jesus Murillo Karam said there are still no signs of the teachers college students who disappeared Sept. 26 after violent incidents blamed on police in the city of Iguala.

He also said 14 more police officers have been arrested and confessed to participating in the disappearance.

The 14 are from the police force of Cocula, a town neighboring Iguala.

Authorities have said police involved in "disappearing" the students were working in conjunction with a local drug gang.

An alleged leader of that drug gang, Guerreros Unidos, killed himself during a confrontation with Mexican security forces Tuesday, a day after protesters demanding an investigation into the students' whereabouts burned government buildings in Chilpancingo, capital of the southern state of Guerrero. Federal forces, which include federal police and military personnel, were carrying out an operation to capture Benjamin Mondragon, or "Benjamón," the alleged head of the Guerreros Unidos gang in the neighboring state of Morelos, when a gunfight broke out, a federal official said. The official, who was not authorized to be quoted by name, did not say which federal force had taken part in the confron-

tation.

Mondragon killed himself as he was about to be arrested, the official said, though he had no details on how.

The official said it was unclear whether Mondragon was involved in the students' disappearances.

Guerreros Unidos allegedly had ties to the family of the mayor of Iguala. Police in Iguala killed six people in two incidents and carried off students before reportedly turning them over to gunmen working for the gang, authorities say. One forensic expert who

works with federal investigators says charred remains like those recovered at the first mass grave sites found outside Iguala can leave very little DNA for testing.

"If a bone is burned at more than 300 degrees, it's almost impossible to

identify because the collagen is burned. Because of that, criminal organizations started to adopt that technique," said Jorge Arturo Talavera, head of the bio-archaeology team at the Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History. □

Colombia's President Santos: 'I need a vacation'

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LIBARDO CARDONA

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Everyone deserves a vacation — even a head of state. But President Juan Manuel Santos' support for legislation granting him some downtime is rubbing many Colombians the wrong way.

"It's incredible that in Colombia there's no stipulated vacation for the president," Santos said in a TV interview Monday as his compatriots were enjoying the final day of a long holiday weekend coinciding with the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas.

Allies in Colombia's congress are taking note.

Sen. Efrain Cepeda said he plans to introduce a bill this week that would grant the president the same 15 work days off annually all employees are entitled to under Colombian law. Currently the only way for a sitting president to take a break is to request a leave of absence from the Senate, a move reserved for cases of severe illness.

"The level of stress and his demanding work schedule make a vacation absolutely necessary," Cepeda told The Associated Press, saying he worries about Santos' health as he tries to negotiate an end to a 50-year-old conflict with Marxist guerrillas. □



Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos talks to The Associated Press in New York. President Juan Manuel Santos' support for legislation granting him some downtime is rubbing many Colombians the wrong way.

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Sleepy Guyana wrestles with high rate of suicides

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LESBEHOLDEN, Guyana

(AP) — The young man responds all too easily when asked whether he knows anyone who has committed suicide in his village, a sleepy cluster of homes and rum shops surrounded by vast brown fields of rice awaiting harvest.

Less than a year ago, Omdat Ramlackhan recalls, his younger brother swallowed pesticide after a drunken argument with their father and died five days later. "I don't know what got into him," the 23-year-old said. "It just happened like that." It wasn't the family's first brush with suicide. His stepmother, Sharmilla Pooran, volunteers that her brother hanged himself and the man's son tried to do the same but survived, with rope marks on his neck to remember it. She once contemplated killing herself.

The fact that self-inflicted harm is such a presence in the lives of this family is not surprising given that they live in an area that Guyana's Ministry of Health has designated the "suicide belt," in a country that the World Health Organization says in a new report has the highest rate of suicide in the world.

Guyana, a largely rural country at the northeastern edge of South America, has a suicide rate four times the global average, ahead of North Korea, South Korea, and Sri Lanka. Neighboring Suriname was the only other country from the Americas in the top 10. There seem to be a num-

ber of reasons that Guyana tops the list, including deep rural poverty, alcohol abuse and easy access to deadly pesticides. It ap-

peared which has been a subject of concern in Guyana for years. In 2010, the government announced it was training priests, teachers

number of people who take their own lives, according to the WHO. The number of suicides rose rapidly in Japan in the late 1990s, but started to decrease in 2009 amid government prevention efforts and as discussion of the subject became less taboo.

It has declined in China and India as a result of urbanization and efforts to control the most common means of suicide, said Dr. Alan Berman, a senior adviser to the American Association of Suicidology and a contributor to the WHO report.

"A certain proportion of suicides are rather impulsive and if you can restrict access to the means of suicide, whether it's by pesticides, or by firearms or by bridge, you can thwart the behavior and give people an opportunity to change their minds," Berman said. The WHO estimates there are more than 800,000 suicides around the world per year. Statistics on the subject are unreliable because in some places the practice is stigmatized, or illegal.

The agency found Guyana, which has a population of about 800,000, had an age-adjusted rate of just over 44 per 100,000 people based on 2012 data. For males alone, it was nearly 71 per 100,000. In raw numbers, there are about 200 per year and 500 attempts, according to local health authorities. The U.S. overall rate was 12 per 100,000.

Most occur in Berbice, a flat, sun-baked expanse of farmlands along the river that forms the border with Suriname. □



In this October, 2014 photo, Vijai Ramlackhan holds a container of pesticide similar to the type his 17-year-old son used to commit suicide on their farm in the Berbice region of Guyana, a country that the World Health Organization says has the highest rate of suicide in the world.

(AP Photo/Bert Wilkinson)

parently has nothing to do with the mass cult suicide and murder of more than 900 people in 1978 at Jonestown, the event that made the country notorious.

"It's not that we are a population that has this native propensity for suicide or something like that," said Supriya Singh-Bodden, founder of the non-governmental Guyana Foundation. "We have been trying to live off the stigma of Jonestown, which had nothing to do with Guyana as such. It was a cult that came into our country and left a very dark mark."

Just before the WHO published its report last month, the foundation cited rampant alcoholism as a major factor in its own study of the suicide phenomenon,

and police officers to help identify people at risk of killing themselves in Berbice, the remote farming region along the southeast border with Suriname where 17-year-old Ramdat Ramlackhan committed suicide after quarreling with his father, Vijai.

More recently, the government has sought to restrict access to deadly pesticides, though that is difficult in a country dependent on agriculture. In May, authorities announced a suicide-prevention hotline would be established and Health Minister Bheri Ramsarran said he would deploy additional nurses and social-service workers in response to the WHO report.

Some countries have had success with national strategies in bringing down the

Colombia breaks up huge underage prostitution ring

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Authorities have broken up a major sex-trafficking ring in Colombia that used drugs to force underage boys and girls into prostitution, the chief prosecutor's office said Tuesday. The operation resulted in the arrest of 11 Colombians in the cities of Armenia, Cartagena and Medellin and the rescue of 55 sex-trafficking victims, one as young as 11. The prosecutor's office said some of the young people were drugged with ecstasy and cocaine. The ring operated out of clandestine sites and massage parlors, frequently relying on taxi drivers to bring in foreign clients looking for underage sex, prosecutors said.

During the raids, an 11-year-old girl broke down in tears, saying she had been sold for \$1,000 because she was a virgin, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said in a statement.

Colombian officials acted in conjunction with U.S. law enforcement authorities, who arrested a man in the United States who allegedly traveled to Medellin to have sex and film himself with underage prostitutes. Two U.S. nonprofit groups dedicated to eradicating sexual exploitation of children, Breaking Chains and Underground Railroad, assisted with the case. All the victims are now in the care of Colombia's child protection agency. The Colombian defendants face between five and 20 years imprisonment if convicted. □



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Anthony Croes is the artist behind the exhibition. Croes is a self-taught native Aruban Artist, who is based at his Museum & Art Gallery called 'Etnia Nativa,' situated at Westpunt 37-A.

Since his childhood, Anthony demonstrated a natural interest and love for his native ancestor's history and their survival challenges. His later native Aruban inspired paintings, in particular, have an uncanny ability to tread the aesthetic and political fault-lines between the Western colonial per-

spective of the Aruban landscape and the indigenous one.

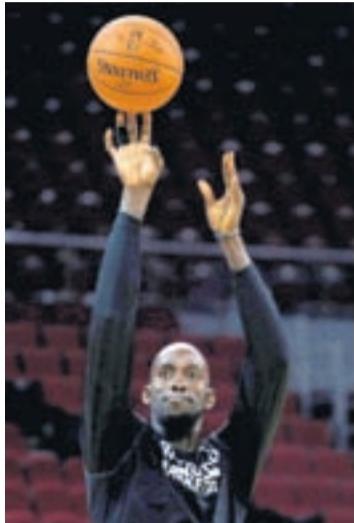
A feature of Anthony's practice is to work only with collected material, recycling as much as possible. His experiments involve seeds, clays, feathers, bones, metals, woods, glasses, discarded paints, papers and stones to mention a few. Creating works which shows even more explicitly through his aesthetic facility with color and composition.

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You may inquire by sending an email to Mrs. Sonja Velthuizen via businessinfo@arubachamber.com, mentioning your name and phone number.

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SPORTS**Aruba TODAY**

Brooklyn Nets' Kevin Garnett practices during a session open to the media at the Mastercard Center in Beijing Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

NBA to experiment with short quarters for Nets exhibition

ANDREW KEH

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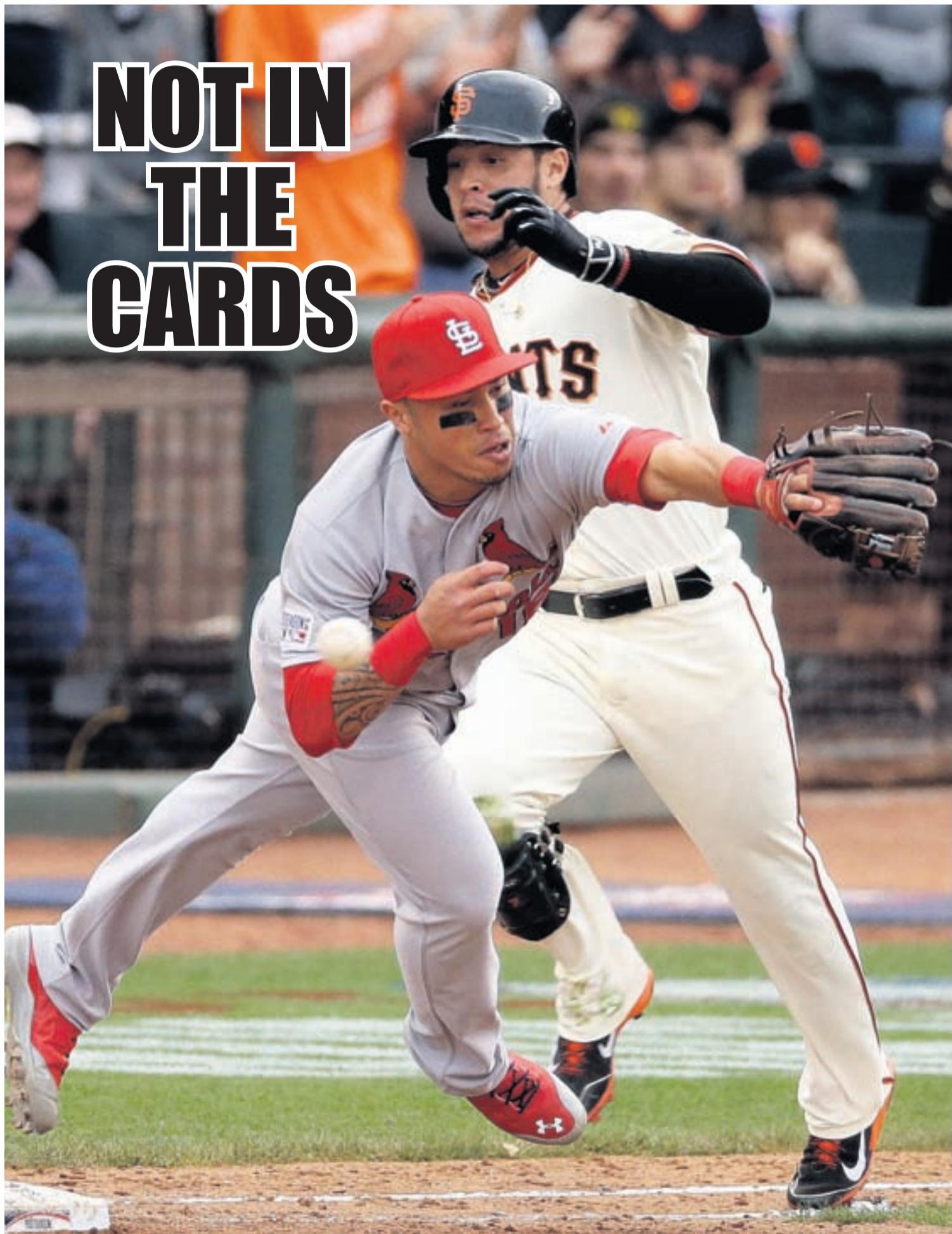
The NBA announced that it would experiment with a 44-minute game when the Brooklyn Nets play the Boston Celtics in a preseason exhibition Sunday at Barclays Center.

Rod Thorn, the NBA's president of operations, said the league's competition committee was seeking preliminary data to analyze how a shorter contest would compare with the current 48-minute format. Professional sports leagues, particularly Major League Baseball, have been looking at ways to quicken their games and keep fans engaged. The NBA has not drawn as much criticism for the length of its games, but it has prided itself on being willing to experiment with its product.

The idea to try a shorter game during the current preseason schedule came up during a recent coaches' meeting, according to the NBA.

"I'm looking forward to gauging its impact on the flow of the game," Nets coach Lionel Hollins said in a statement. □

NOT IN THE CARDS



Giants Beat Cardinals in 10th on Choate Wild Throw

San Francisco Giants' Gregor Blanco is safe at first as St. Louis Cardinals second baseman Kolten Wong fail to catch the throw during the 10th inning of Game 3 of the National League championship series against the St. Louis Cardinals Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, in San Francisco.

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Giants beat Cardinals in 10th on Choate wild throw

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SAN FRANCISCO - The wall in right field at AT&T Park is a misnomer. A ballpark wall is usually smooth and flat, sometimes with a gentle curve. This one is not.

It veers in a zigzag line from 305 feet at the foul pole to 421 feet in right-center, turning the usual gap between outfielders into a lush green welcome mat for triples. The wall, which rises as high as 24 feet, has acute edges and obtuse angles. It is covered in brick, foam padding, chain link and advertising. On days when the wind blows hard off San Francisco Bay, navigating the wall becomes especially tricky.

It was one of those blustery days Tuesday, and the wall not only took center stage, turning the St. Louis Cardinals' promising rookie right fielder Randal Grichuk and the San Francisco Giants' veteran right fielder Hunter Pence this way and that, but its wild turns were fitting in a National League championship series with many of them.

The latest came when the Giants squandered a four-run lead, then beat the Cardinals, 5-4, in 10 innings when reliever Randy Choate threw Gregor Blanco's sacrifice bunt down the right-field line, allowing Brandon Crawford to score from second. Juan Perez failed in two attempts to get down a bunt before singling to shallow left to advance Crawford, who led off with a walk, to second base, and bring up Blanco. It was a fitting finish for the Giants, who in their division series-clinching win over the Washington Nationals scored their runs on a walk, a ground out and a wild pitch. It was a crush-

ing blow for St. Louis, which, as it has throughout the playoffs, rallied to get back in the game. The Giants lead the series two games to one, with Game 4 on Wednesday in San Fran-

the wall hurt the Cardinals, it also helped them. When Kolten Wong sent an 0-1 pitch deep to right-center in the fourth, it was Pence's turn to lose the ball in the wind and the wall.

field here for the first time. "It's a big gap, for sure, and the ball can bounce off in any direction and there's so many angles out there. The way the wind is today, taking fly balls out there,

that the wind carried back to Jay, who made a diving catch. It seemed like unfortunate luck for the Giants, who had only four first-inning hits in the entire post-season entering Tuesday.



San Francisco Giants' Gregor Blanco hits the game winning sacrifice bunt during the 10th inning of Game 3 of the National League baseball championship series against the St. Louis Cardinals Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, in San Francisco.

(AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

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The Cardinals found themselves in a hole early thanks to Grichuk's travails with the wall. He was turned inside and out, losing track of Travis Ishikawa's bases-clearing drive that bounced off the base of the wall and extended the Giants lead to 4-0 in the first inning.

Grichuk gained a measure of atonement later, by hitting a home run off the left-field pole in the seventh that drew the Cardinals even at 4-4. But as much as

Pence, who has spent 2 1/2 seasons in San Francisco, is not a novice to the conditions, but he looked like one. He drifted and turned toward the notch in the wall. But when he did, he lost track of the ball and the wind carried it toward center and around the corner from where he was. The ball hit off the wall, two runs scored and Wong cruised into third, the Cardinals cutting their deficit to 4-2. "The wall's tricky," Grichuk said before playing right

you really have to keep your eye on it because the ball has a mind of its own up there."

The wind was often a factor, but it was not always a hindrance to the outfielders. The center fielders, the Cardinals' Jon Jay and the Giants' Blanco, were thankful the wind held up several liners into right-center field long enough to track them down. One of those drives came in the first inning, when the Giants' Joe Panik ripped a ball to right-center

But Buster Posey and Pablo Sandoval singled, and Pence lashed a double down the right-field line, scoring Posey. If Cardinals starter John Lackey was not pleased with that, he did not hide his displeasure when umpire Gerry Davis ruled that his 1-0 curveball to Brandon Belt did not catch part of the plate. Manager Mike Matheny instructed catcher A.J. Pierzynski to talk to Lackey and make sure he was settled. □



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Americans try to solve Ryder Cup with task force

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

After two decades of European dominance in the Ryder Cup, the Americans have created a task force to figure out why they keep losing.

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson were among 11 players, captains and PGA of America officials who were appointed to the "Ryder Cup Task Force" that will look at everything from qualifications to captain's picks and even practice schedules during the matches.

Europe has won the Ryder Cup eight of the last 10 times, including a comfortable victory last month at Gleneagles that was remembered as much for Mickelson indirectly criticizing U.S. captain Tom Watson's leadership style in the closing press conference. "This is a great step by the PGA to accomplish what we all want — to win the Ryder Cup," Woods said in a statement issued Tuesday by the PGA of America.

Woods has played on only one winning team in his seven Ryder Cup appearances. Mickelson (10 appearances) and Jim Furyk (nine) have played on only two winning teams. The other players are Steve Stricker, an assistant captain at Gleneagles, and Rickie Fowler, who has yet to win a match in his two Ryder Cups.

The former captains are Davis Love III (2012), Tom Lehman (2006) and Raymond Floyd (1989). None captained a winning team. The previous two Ryder Cups were decided by one point, including Medinah in 2012 when Europe rallied from a 10-6 deficit behind impeccable putting. Justin Rose sank a 45-foot birdie

putt on the 17th hole in singles and Ian Poulter made five straight birdies in a momentum-turning fourballs match Saturday afternoon.

PGA President Ted Bishop, saying he was tired of losing, picked Watson to be captain for Gleneagles. Watson had not been to a Ryder Cup since he was captain of the last U.S. team that won in Europe in 1993, and at 65 he was the oldest captain in Ryder Cup history.

The move backfired. Watson appeared to be out of touch at Gleneagles. The Ryder Cup ended with an awkward news conference in which Mickelson — beside Watson — praised the success of Paul Azinger in 2008 in the most recent U.S. victory and suggested that Watson didn't embrace that winning formula.

In the aftermath of the loss, various reports painted a picture of a heavy-handed leadership style in the U.S. team that brought even more attention to the loss. The task force does not include Azinger, who said on Monday it was too soon after the Ryder Cup. Azinger said he has a private meeting already scheduled with the PGA of America within the next month.

The co-chairs are PGA chief executive Pete Bevacqua and Derek Sprague, next in line to be PGA president at its annual meeting next month. Paul Levy, the PGA secretary, was the third official appointed to the task force.

Sprague told The Associated Press in Bermuda the task force has people who represent all but two Ryder Cup teams from 1975.

"Back in those days, we were winning," Sprague said. "The last 20 years have been a real challenge." □



FILE - In this Sept. 25, 2012, file photo, USA's Phil Mickelson, left to right, Keegan Bradley, Tiger Woods and captain Davis Love III have some fun as they pose for a picture at the Ryder Cup PGA golf tournament at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill. The PGA of America wants to take a closer look at its Ryder Cup failures. It is creating a task force that includes Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, along with three past captains of losing American teams.

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In Detroit:

The Lions' defense now does the heavy lifting

CHASE STUART

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It is a new football era in Detroit.

For five years, the Lions were known as a talented but undisciplined squad that failed to reach its potential under Jim Schwartz. The defense, in particular, was high on names but low on production. And while the offense had its moments, it was asked to do too much: In five years Detroit won only two games when it failed to score at least 20 points, the second fewest in the NFL over that span behind San Diego.

But this year the new-look Lions have already won a pair of low-scoring affairs against division rivals. In Week 3, Detroit held the Green Bay Packers to 7 points, the fewest in any game that Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers started and finished. The



Minnesota Vikings tight end Chase Ford (86) loses control of the ball as the Detroit Lions defense closes in during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, in Minneapolis.

(AP Photo/Ann Heisenfelt)

Lions also held the Packers to 223 yards, the fewest in any game with Rodgers since 2008.

On Sunday, Detroit's de-

fense was outstanding: It recorded eight sacks and three interceptions against Minnesota Vikings quarterback Teddy Bridgewater.

ter and forced five three-and-outs with a sixth drive ending in a four-and-out. Detroit limited the Vikings to 212 yards, the third time

this year the Lions have allowed fewer than 225 yards in a game; the other 31 teams have limited opponents below that mark only a combined 10 times.

The Lions defense leads the NFL in yards (270), points (13.7) and first downs (16.8) allowed per game, and is the top overall defense in the league. Detroit has allowed a league-low 4.5 yards per play along with an NFL-best 5.2 net yards allowed per pass.

The Lions have not allowed an opposing running back to rush for even 50 yards in five of the team's first six games, with the New York Jets' Chris Ivory (84 yards) producing the best game by a runner against Detroit this year. It has been an across-the-board dominant six weeks from Detroit. What is the cause for the turnaround? Many of the faces are the same, including the key contributors.

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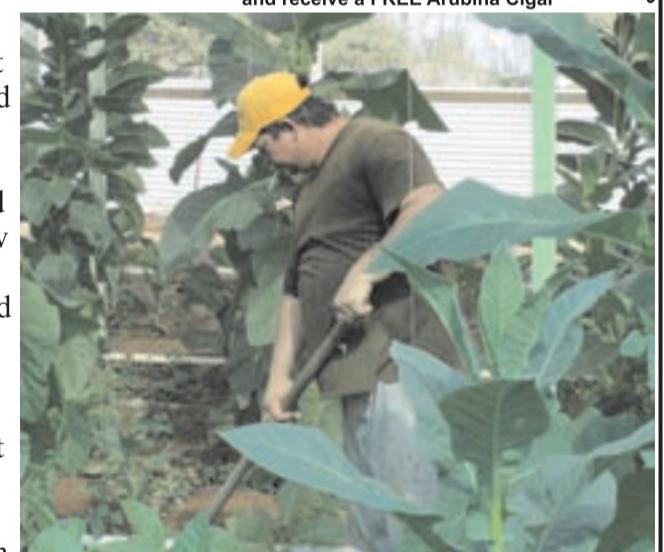


ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi, a true native Aruban started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced hand rolled cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crops. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba, he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The whole process took him 10 years to perfect. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the moulding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. Their handmade cigar box is specially designed with their "Aruhiba" logo. Petrocchi considers

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Haase defeats 8th seeded Thiem in 3 sets in Vienna

ERIC WILLEMSSEN

Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Last year's runner-up Robin Haase of the Netherlands defeated Dominic Thiem 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in front of the Austrian's home crowd at the Erste Bank Open on Tuesday.

The 72nd-ranked Haase, who has won both his career titles in Austria, lost serve in the opening game but had two breaks to take the first set. The eighth-seeded Thiem, whose breakthrough season has seen him rise to No. 38, leveled the score with one break in the second but failed to recover from dropping 4-1 behind in the final set. "I was just too weak today," the 38th-ranked Thiem said. "It's bitter to lose in front of your home crowd but Robin played very solid. He hasn't got the fastest serve but I couldn't read them and missed a lot of returns."

Haase, who was beaten for the title by Tommy Haas last year, next takes on Benjamin Becker of Germany, who rallied to defeat Victor Hănescu of Romania 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Two-time former champion Jürgen Melzer came from a set and a service break down to defeat Norbert Gombos of Slovakia 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. The Austrian, a former No. 8 who won the event in 2009 and 2010, was broken in the opening game of the second set by Gombos, who was making his ATP Tour debut. But Melzer gained control of the match after immediately breaking back. "This is the kind of win I need to build self-confidence," said Melzer, who had a seven-month injury layoff earlier this season and has slipped to 123rd in the rankings.

"He put so much pressure on me in the first set. I knew he wouldn't be able to keep that up otherwise he would have been a top-20 player." Melzer next plays Ivo Karlović of Croatia, who saved three match points in the second set before beating Federico Delbonis of Argentina 6-7 (1), 7-6 (9), 7-6 (2). □

European Roundup: Serbia-Albania match abandoned on violence

NESHA STARCEVIC

AP Sports Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— Balkan rivalries cast a shadow over 2016 European Championship qualifying on Tuesday as the match between Serbia and Albania in Belgrade was abandoned after an Albanian flag considered

Albania has been abandoned and the circumstances will be reported to the UEFA Disciplinary Body," European football's ruling body said in a statement. Albanian fans had been warned against attending the game between Serbia and Albania in Belgrade that have had turbulent relations —

side a dramatic 1-1 draw with World Cup holder Germany, which suffered another setback in Group D after losing 2-0 in Poland. Cristiano Ronaldo also scored in the fourth minute of injury time to give Portugal a 1-0 win over Denmark and put his team's campaign back on track after

a doubt, it's an absolutely fairytale ending, it was incredible, to get the 100th cap and score the goal to equalize against Germany, and hopefully to keep the momentum going to qualify for France."

Kroos hammered home a low drive in the 71st minute with what was then Germany's 17th shot. Ireland only had managed one until then, but O'Shea's late strike stunned Joachim Löw's team. "Shocked maybe too strong a word, but we are disappointed," Kroos said. "In the last five minutes, we played so many long balls that we haven't had in the 20 last games. I don't why we did it. We didn't stay calm, we lost control in the last five minutes."

In Warsaw, Poland drew 2-2 with Scotland to remain top of Group D on goal difference over Ireland, while Georgia won 3-0 at Gibraltar.

Germany and Scotland have four points each in the group.

Krzysztof Maczynski opened the scoring but Scotland went up by one after goals from Shaun Maloney and Steven Naismith, only for Arkadiusz Milik to notch the final equalizer for Poland.

Nikoloz Gelashvili, Tornike Okriashvili and Jaba Kankava scored for Georgia against group underdog Gibraltar.

GROUP F

Northern Ireland continued to stun opponents in Group F, winning 2-0 in Greece for its third straight victory to stay on course for its first ever European Championship qualification. □



Serbia's Filip Djuricic, right, fights for the ball with Albania's Burim Kukeli during the Euro 2016 Group I qualifying match between Serbia and Albania, at the Partizan stadium in Belgrade, Serbia, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014. The match was suspended.

(AP Photo/Darko Vojinovic)

provocative by Serbian fans was flown over the stadium by a drone.

English referee Martin Atkinson interrupted the match in the 41st minute when Serbia defender Stefan Mitrovic managed to grab the banner and Albania players tried to protect it. Several Serbian fans invaded the pitch and clashed with Albania players.

"The Euro 2016 Qualifying match between Serbia and

mainly over the former ethnic Albanian-dominated Serbian province of Kosovo that declared independence in 2008.

"We wanted to continue the match, but Albanian players said they were not psychologically ready," Serbia captain Branislav Ivanovic said. Elsewhere, John O'Shea scored in his 100th international for Ireland in the fourth minute of stoppage time to give his

a stunning 1-0 loss at home to Albania in Group I.

GROUP D

O'Shea canceled out a goal from Toni Kroos in the 71st as Ireland joined Poland on top of Group D with seven points from three matches.

"Brilliant result, first and foremost. OK, we had to live a little bit dangerously the last 10 or 15 minutes," O'Shea said. "Yeah, look, without

Kaymer takes lead in Grand Slam in Bermuda

JOSH BALL

Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda

(AP) — U.S. Open champion Martin Kaymer seized control with a tap-in birdie followed by an eagle on his way to a 6-under 65 and a two-shot lead over Bubba Watson in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf on Tuesday.

British Open and PGA

champion Rory McIlroy fell back after a strong start and had a 69. Jim Furyk, the alternate in the 36-hole exhibition for the year's four major champions, was seven shots behind after a 73. Kaymer was about as flawless as when he won at Pinehurst No. 2 in the summer. His lone mistake was a three-putt bogey on the

par-3 13th, though that hardly got in the way of his five birdies and an eagle. The final round is Wednesday at Port Royal.

"It's just important that you don't relax, that you try to keep going, because I have to play against players that are not playing on the Challenge Tour," Kaymer said, referring to

Europe's developmental circuit.

Kaymer is No. 12 in the world, the lowest-ranked player in the field of major champions.

He built a quick lead with birdies on the opening two holes, and his round picked up momentum with two shots on the sixth and seventh holes. □

Cholesterol, the Good and the Bad

In the past they would kill the messenger who delivered news that king did not want to hear. Tough job, fortunately, this doesn't happen today. Or does it? With the declaration of helping patients, doctors try to eliminate your body signs (messages) with drugs. When consulting an allopathic doctor the first thing investigated is to see if you have a disease. If not, they may test your blood and identify values that they think will cause a disease. With higher than normal cholesterol numbers, cholesterol lowering drugs are frequently prescribed. Is this the best thing to do? Could it be that the remedy may be worse than the disease?

Cholesterol lowering drugs, known as statins are proving to be killers. Documents indicate some senior executives of German pharmaceutical maker Bayer, knew its anti-cholesterol drug Baycol was causing illness and death long before pulling it off the market. It produces a side effect called rhabdomyolysis which causes severe pain and muscle weakness. Serious cases can shut down the kidneys and cause paralysis or death. During other drug studies, test patients have committed suicide. In fact, suicide is a stated possible risk from taking cholesterol lowering medicine. Why? Lipoproteins, which are attached to cholesterol, provide a means by which toxins including, heavy metals, solvent toxins, pesticides, and petrochemicals can be removed from your brain and nerves. As cholesterol falls, less lipoproteins are available lowering your body's ability to remove these poisons.

For natural physicians, cholesterol is not bad. Hydroxy sterols are found in both animal and plant life. Cholesterol, a complicated form of alcohol

is the main sterol of higher life forms. With the exception of brain and red blood cells, all cells in your body are capable of synthesizing or producing cholesterol. Cholesterol provides strength for cell walls; a way to use other sterols and every day, cholesterol is converted into bile acid, which helps protect from and dissolve gall stones.

In your blood stream cholesterol contains lipoproteins. These proteins carry antioxidants such as vitamin E, beta carotene, and CoQ10 that help protect you from cancer. When cholesterol is naturally low or forced low with drugs, cancer risks rises because protection is reduced.

When a clinical nutritionist sees a high test value for cholesterol we look to see what caused your body to increase cholesterol to help protect your brain and nerves. If fat-soluble poisons are present, changing what you do or don't eat can help remove these "bad fats." With the poison gone, cells stop making excess cholesterol for protection.

So what don't we eat? Don't eat sugar, especially alcohol or any of the growing number of products with high fructose corn syrup. Stop all fried, salty, refined or processed foods, fatty dairy products or fatty meats. When we tell patients this, many tell us we have just eliminated everything they eat. In fact we have just described the Standard American or Aruban Diet (SAD).

Ok, what do we eat? Fresh fruits and vegetables, lean meats, but not pork, whole grains like brown rice oats or quinoa, a Peruvian supergrain. Wheat is not the best choice for many people because of allergies and gluten intolerance. Fish that swim constantly in deep water are loaded with "good" HDL cholesterol

which is needed to manufacture some very wonderful hormones, like sex hormones. Medicinal oils packed with HDL include: olive, evening primrose, black currant, flax, safflower and soy. Herbs that lower LDL/triglycerides (bad cholesterol) are Shiitake mushrooms, cayenne, ginger, cat's claw, garlic and turmeric.

"Good cholesterol" producing foods which include essential fatty acids (EFA) rich in Omega 3, 6 and 9 in the correct proportions have changed with modern diets. Most of us are not getting enough Omega 3's and some of us are not getting enough of omega 3 and 6. Supplementing with Flax oil or Omega fish oils is more important than ever. Lecithin is good oil I consider a basic, especially for protecting the brain. Make sure you only use fish oils certified to be free of toxins like Mercury.

Eat smaller meals, especially before bed. While you sleep, the stomach also sleeps and food does not digest properly. Want to get all this under control quickly? Eat only brown rice for three weeks. Nothing else! Include lots of water and moderate exercise. It's always best to do a cleansing diet like this with the supervision of a clinical nutritionist.

Get the point! Not all cholesterol is bad. Cholesterol lowering drugs and their known side effects are not the only choice. We need good cholesterol to protect our brains and nerves. Changes in diet and lifestyle can naturally help control not only "bad" cholesterol, but you might find improvement with symptoms of high blood pressure, arthritis, and diabetes. Call us for a full evaluation of the good and the bad of your health. Let us teach you how to turn the "ugly" into "beautiful!"



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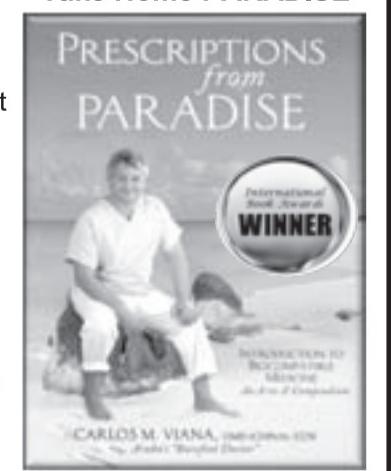


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Boot camps for coding teach a trade for the digital age

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SAN FRANCISCO - A new educational institution, the coding boot camp, is quietly emerging as the vocational school for the digital age, devoted to creating software developers.

These boot camps reflect the startup ethic: small for-profit enterprises that are fast (classes are two to four months), nimble (revising curriculum to meet industry needs) and unconcerned with SAT scores or diplomas. Most are expensive, but some accept a share of the graduates' first-year earnings or a finder's fee from employers as payment.

Most important, at a time when so many young people are underemployed, most graduates, especially those from highly selective boot camps, quickly find well-paying jobs. In a recent survey of 48 boot camps, Course Report, an online boot camp directory, found that three-quarters of graduates were employed, with raises averaging 44 percent from their pre-boot camp pay and an average salary of \$76,000.

Enrolling 20 to 40 students at a time, many boot camps have venture capital backing; in May, Dev Bootcamp,

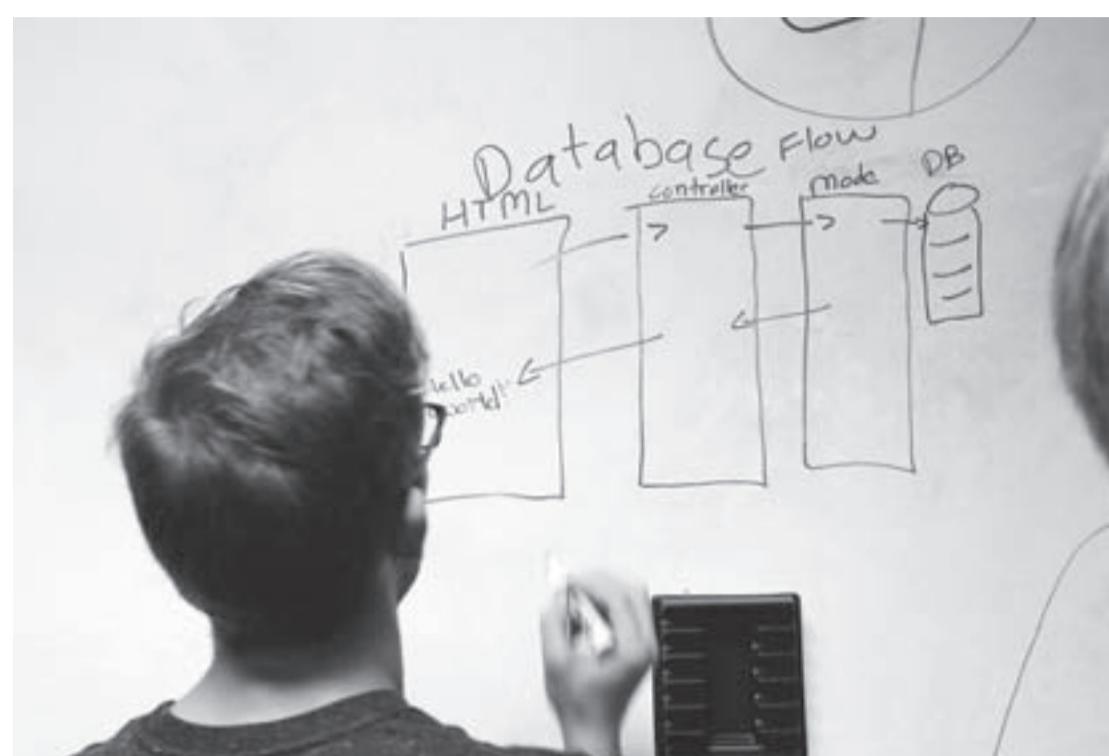
which started here and expanded to New York and Chicago, was bought by Kaplan, the educational

smart, highly motivated people.

Many boot camps are clustered in the South of Market

perate for programming talent.

On one recent evening at Dev Bootcamp, where



Students at a whiteboard in one of the large classrooms at Dev Bootcamp, in San Francisco. Coding bootcamps have emerged as the vocational school for the digital age, a viable option for underemployed youth wary of for-profit colleges, community colleges and trade schools.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

services company.

With trade schools out of fashion, for-profit colleges often dismissed as expensive dropout factories, and community colleges failing to graduate a majority of their students, the rise of boot camps over the past two years is challenging assumptions about higher education, at least for some

neighborhood here, a center for software startups. But 60 such schools have been started across the nation since 2012, attracting students with the promise that anyone - even someone without a computer background - who works hard can learn enough to qualify for a job developing software in an industry des-

class officially ended at 6 p.m. and faculty members were long gone, a sixth-floor classroom was still humming at 9, filled with students sitting in pairs, working on their projects. "It's a lot of hours, it's exhausting, and each week I think I can't do it anymore," said Shakrah Yves, 31, who three months ago

was working as a seamstress. "But each week I learn so much, and it's so exciting to be able to build your own app."

Most boot camps charge \$1,000 a week or more, and attract a mix of career changers - lawyers, consultants, artists - and students who left college to learn to code, looking for a fast track to a well-paying career.

Anthony P. Carnevale, director of Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce, said that in the old industrial economy such training took place on the job, but today's economy relies on postsecondary schools to prepare young people for jobs. And most colleges have no ready niche for teaching students to write software.

"This is too applied, too hands-on, too small-bite to fit easily into a college curriculum," he said. "Think of it as a place where technology outruns education." At some point, the market will be saturated, but for now the demand for skilled programmers is enormous. "There are almost five jobs for every one Web developer," said Bethany Marezewski of Stack Overflow Careers, a computer job website. □

Report:

Russian hackers used bug in Microsoft Windows for spying

MARK SCOTT

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LONDON - Russian hackers used a bug in Microsoft Windows to spy on several Western governments, NATO and the Ukrainian government, according to a report released Tuesday by iSight Partners, a computer security firm in Dallas. The targets also included European energy and telecommunications companies and an undisclosed academic organization in the United States, the cybersecurity report said.

While it is unclear what type of information may have been retrieved, iSight said that the targets of the

attacks were often linked to the continuing standoff in Ukraine between Russia and the West.

That included the NATO summit meeting in Wales in early September at which the Russian hackers targeted the Ukrainian government and at least one American organization, the report said.

The illegal activities started as early as 2009 and used a variety of techniques to gain access to delicate information. iSight said the Russian hackers started using what experts refer to as a zero-day attack on Windows only in the late summer. The technique refers

to a previously unknown vulnerability.

The bug affected versions from Windows Vista to the company's latest software, Windows 8.1, though Microsoft is expected to release an update Tuesday to resolve the potential vulnerability.

Despite efforts to thwart the Russian hackers' attacks, iSight said using the Microsoft zero-day bug and other illegal tactics almost certainly allowed the hackers to gain some access to their targets.

"The use of this zero-day vulnerability virtually guarantees that all of those entities targeted fell victim to

some degree," the computer security company said in a statement.

While the vulnerability affected many versions of Windows, iSight said the Russian hackers appeared to be the only group to use the bug. The company added, however, that other companies and organizations may also have been affected by the attacks.

Representatives for Microsoft and the Russian government were not immediately available for comment.

The discovery of the hacking is the latest in a series of worldwide cyberattacks

that have affected individuals, government agencies and companies.

iSight said it had called the most recent Russian hackers the Sandworm team because they used encoded references to the science fiction series "Dune" in their attacks.

iSight said the group often used so-called spear-phishing techniques in its attacks against Western government and commercial targets. That involved sending emails to prospective targets with documents attached that, when opened, could allow the attacker to gain control of the computer. □

Energy stocks stifle market rebound

ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

A slump in energy stocks stymied a rebound in U.S. indexes Tuesday as the price of oil plunged the most in two years.

The decline in oil prices followed forecasts for weaker global demand this year and next, a sign of slowing economic growth. Chev-

month. The S&P 500 index has fallen 6.7 percent since hitting a record high on Sept. 18 as investors worry that economies in Europe and Asia are slowing.

"The bank earnings this morning certainly made people feel a little bit better," said Joe Peta, managing director at Novus Partners. "For the time being,

off the third-quarter corporate earnings season.

JPMorgan Chase returned to a profit, but missed Wall Street's expectations. The stock fell 17 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$57.99. Wells Fargo's earnings matched analysts' expectations, while Citigroup's results came in better than expected. Wells Fargo fell



Jonathan Scott, left, and Drew Scott, of HGTV's "Property Brothers" cable television show, mimic traders as they visit the post that handles Scripps Networks Interactive, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, after ringing the opening bell, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ron fell 2 percent, helping to drag down the Dow Jones industrial average in the waning moments of trading.

Even so, corporate earnings provided some encouragement to investors, and most indexes posted modest gains following a three-day slump.

Domino's Pizza, Citigroup and Johnson & Johnson reported results that were better than analysts expected. The market also got a boost from airline stocks, which rebounded after sliding the day before.

The modest rally provided a breather for investors, who have had a bumpy ride lately. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has four losses and one gain of more than 1 percent in the last week, a surge in volatility following a mostly quiet summer.

Even before the recent turbulence, stocks have been declining for nearly a

at least, the panic selling is over."

The major stock indexes remained in positive territory until the last hour of trading, when they began to fade, threatening to deliver the second last-minute slide in two days.

By the end of the day, the Dow had lost 5.88 points, or 0.04 percent, to 16,315.19. The S&P 500 index rose 2.96 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,877.70.

The Nasdaq gained 13.52 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,227.17.

The Dow went negative for the year on Friday. It's now down 1.6 percent for 2014 and 5.6 percent below its September peak. The S&P 500 index is up 1.6 percent for the year.

Six of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 rose, with industrial stocks posting the biggest gain at 1.3 percent. Energy stocks fell the most, sliding 1.2 percent.

Several major banks kicked

\$1.37, or 2.7 percent, to \$48.83. Citigroup rose \$1.57, or 3.1 percent, to \$51.47. Domino's Pizza jumped 11.3 percent on better-than-expected earnings and revenue. The pizza delivery chain operator's stock rose \$8.58 to \$84.30.

Several airline stocks surged a day after the sector got pummeled amid mounting worries that the Ebola virus outbreak could curb travel spending. Delta jumped \$1.89, or 6.1 percent, to \$32.79, while Southwest climbed \$1.12, or 3.9 percent, to \$30. American Airlines Group gained \$2.93, or 10.3 percent, to \$31.51.

Johnson & Johnson raised its 2014 earnings outlook, partly due to revenue gains from its new blockbuster hepatitis C drug. But shares in the world's biggest health care products maker slipped 2.1 percent as investors worried about looming competition for the drug. □



Johnson & Johnson products are displayed in Orlando, Fla. Johnson & Johnson reported quarterly financial results on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014.

(AP Photo/John Raoux)

J&J hikes 2014 forecast for third time; stock stumbles

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

Johnson & Johnson lifted its 2014 earnings forecast for a third time on Tuesday, fueled in part by revenue gains from its new blockbuster hepatitis C treatment Olysio.

But shares of the world's biggest health care products maker slipped as investors worried about looming competition for the drug, which has already generated nearly \$2 billion in global sales so far this year. J&J's higher forecast came a couple days after the Food and Drug Administration approved Harvoni, a pill from Gilead Sciences Inc. that can cure the most common form of hepatitis C without the grueling pill-and-injection cocktail long used to treat the virus.

Analysts expect competition that includes Harvoni and another Gilead treatment, Sovaldi, to start taking bigger bites over the next few quarters out of sales for Olysio, which brought in nearly \$800 million in the third quarter after being approved last November.

"I think the relative growth rate of (Johnson & Johnson) has peaked in the pharmaceutical division," said Tony Butler, an analyst for Guggenheim Securities. Pharmaceutical sales climbed 18 percent to \$8.3 billion in the third quar-

ter, and that growth followed a 21 percent gain in the second quarter. The strong performances have helped that division regain its lead among J&J's segments over the medical device business and consumer products, which is still recovering from dozens of product recalls since 2009. The maker of Band-Aids and baby shampoo said Olysio's performance, among other factors, prompted it to raise the 2014 forecast again. It now expects earnings adjusted for one-time items to range between \$5.92 and \$5.97 per share this year. That's up from a forecast it made in July for \$5.85 to \$5.92 per share. Analysts have been projecting earnings of \$5.92 per share, according to Zacks Investment Research. In the third quarter, J&J earnings jumped 59 percent to \$4.75 billion even though revenue only rose 5 percent to \$18.47 billion. A \$1.1 billion, after-tax gain from the sale of its Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics business helped results. Earnings adjusted for one-time items totaled \$1.50 per share, or 8 cents more than the average analyst expectation.

The company's stock was down 69 cents to \$98.43 in midday trading, while the Dow Jones industrial average, of which J&J is a member, climbed slightly. □

JP Morgan returns to profit in third quarter

NEW YORK (AP) — JPMorgan Chase, the largest U.S. bank by assets, on Tuesday reported a third-quarter profit after booking a loss in the same period a year ago, when the company absorbed a big charge for legal expenses.

The bank reported earnings of \$5.6 billion, or \$1.36 a share, compared with a loss of \$380 million, or 17 cents a share, in the same

period a year ago. Revenue for the period rose 5 percent to \$24.25 billion from \$23.12 billion a year ago.

Despite returning to profit, the bank's earnings fell short of analyst's expectations.

The bank set aside a further \$1 billion to cover more legal costs. JPMorgan and other banks are facing allegations that they manipulated foreign-

exchange rates to the detriment of their clients. The money will help cover some of the resulting legal costs. Last year the charge for litigation costs amounted to \$9.2 billion. Jamie Dimon, JPMorgan's CEO, said that a slowing global economy will impact some of JPMorgan's businesses such as trading and investment banking. Other areas though, such as its retail

and credit card business, which are more focused on the U.S., would likely be unaffected.

"You're still going to have growth in America, which is a very good thing," Dimon said, on a call with reporters.

Tuesday's results missed the expectations of Wall Street analysts who had forecast earnings of \$1.38 a share, according to FactSet. JPMorgan's stock

price fell 20 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$57.96.

Citigroup and Wells Fargo also reported third-quarter earnings on Tuesday.

Citi reported earnings of \$3.44 billion, or \$1.07 a share, for the three-month period ending in Sept. 30. Stripping out one-time items, Citi said it earned an adjusted profit of \$3.67 billion, or \$1.15 a share. The results exceeded Wall Street expectations. □

Citigroup to exit retail banking in 11 markets

KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Citigroup customers across Central America and parts of Eastern Europe will be looking for a new place to bank next year.

Citigroup said Tuesday that it will bow out of the retail banking business in 11 markets, part of its ongoing effort since the financial crisis to restructure and slim down. The news came as the bank announced third-quarter earnings.

Citi said the impact would primarily be smaller countries in Latin America: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru. It will also exit consumer banking in Egypt, Japan, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Guam.

The bank is exiting those areas to focus on market share and growth potential in places where it believes it can be competitive, Citi-

group CEO Michael Corbat said in a statement. It will still have institutional

finite resources to where we can generate the best returns for our sharehold-

fected. Citi expects the sales to be substantially complete by the end of



A person walks past a Citibank location in Philadelphia. Citigroup reported quarterly financial results on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

banking operations in these areas. "I am committed to simplifying our company and allocating our

ers," Corbat said. The bank said sales of the businesses were underway in the majority of the markets af-

2015. Even with Tuesday's announcement, Citi will still be the most internationally focused of the big U.S. banks, serving 57 million clients in 24 different countries or markets, it said. Citi has been selling off assets and consolidating its operations for several years now, both under Corbat as well as former CEO Vikram Pandit. The company sold the rest of its Smith Barney retail brokerage business to Morgan Stanley in 2012. Earlier this year it sold its consumer banking businesses in Greece and Spain. Citi's announcement came at the same time the company announced its quarterly results. The bank reported earnings of \$3.44 billion, or \$1.07 a share, for the three-month period ending in Sept. 30. Stripping out one-time items, Citi said it earned an adjusted profit of \$3.67 billion, or \$1.15 a share. Last year the company earned \$3.23 billion, or \$1 a share. Revenue rose 9 percent to \$19.6 billion from \$17.9 billion a year ago. □

Trump casinos seek judge OK to end union contract

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Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Delaware (AP) — The parent company of Atlantic City's Trump Taj Mahal is asking a bankruptcy court judge to let it terminate its union contract, likening the struggling casino to a critically ill patient whose time is fast running out.

"We have a patient on the table in critical condition and a room full of doctors all staring at each other," said Kris Hansen, a lawyer for Trump Entertainment

Resorts. "No one wants to touch the patient, and the patient dies from inaction." The company says it needs immediate relief from pension and health insurance costs in order to keep the casino open past mid-November. A judge in Delaware began hearing the request Tuesday morning. Hansen said Local 54 of the Unite-HERE union has dragged its feet in negotiations, and fears concessions it makes would be sought by other casinos. He accused the union of

being "hell-bent on shutting the Taj Mahal down" rather than agree to givebacks that would then apply to other casinos under a longstanding clause in the union contract.

"They were throwing up a lot of roadblocks — figuratively and literally," said Craig Keyser, the company's lead negotiator, referring to an incident last Wednesday in which the union sat down in the Atlantic City Expressway and blocked traffic to protest the company's demand

for givebacks. A union lawyer declined to immediately respond in court.

The company says it needs big union concessions and massive tax breaks from Atlantic City and New Jersey — both of which have already rejected the demand. It is seeking to have Atlantic City lower its property tax assessments by nearly 80 percent, to have the state contribute \$25 million in tax credits, and for union workers to give up their pension

and health insurance. If all those concessions are made, billionaire investor Carl Icahn would pump \$100 million into the casino and become its owner. Icahn, who also owns the Tropicana Casino and Resort, owns Trump Entertainment's roughly \$285 million in debt. If the judge rules against the company, it could decide fairly quickly to shut down the Taj Mahal, its lone remaining casino. It would become the fifth of Atlantic City's 12 casinos to close this year. □

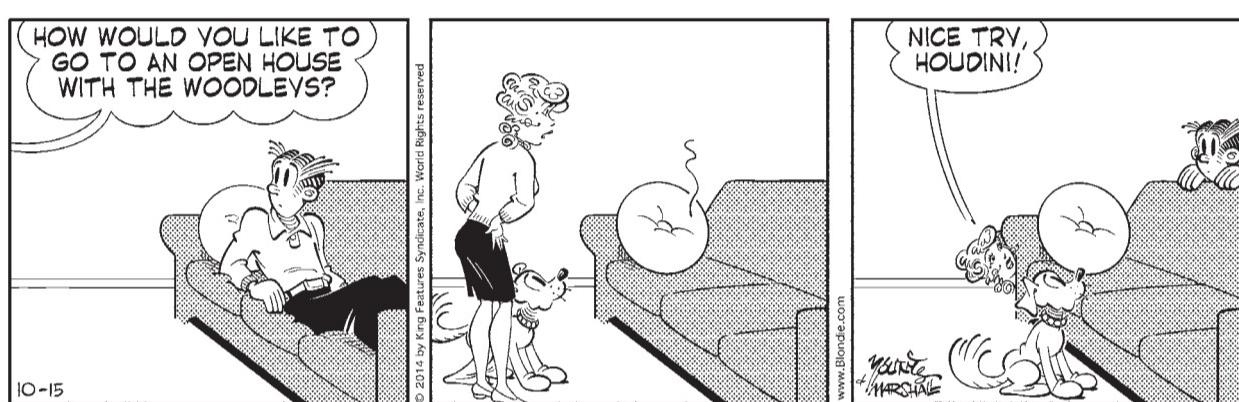
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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 - 26 Read carefully
 - 28 Bust
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 - 41 Caffe ___; order at Starbucks
 - 42 Actor Olmos
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 - 45 Actor Wallach
 - 46 Talks wildly
 - 47 Go bad
 - 50 Theater box
 - 51 Owned
 - 54 Cold symptom
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Diners dig in to a tray of wings at a Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in New York, Oct. 1, 2014.

(Dina Litovsky/The New York Times)

RECIPES

HANJAN WINGS

Adapted from Hooni Kim, Hanjan, New York.

Time: 45 minutes

1 cup soy sauce

3/4 cup sake

3 tablespoons mirin

1 tablespoon minced garlic

16 small to medium chicken wings, tips removed, sectioned

1. In a medium bowl, combine soy sauce, sake, mirin and garlic. Add wings and marinate for 25 minutes. Meanwhile, heat grill to medium.

2. Remove chicken from marinade and drain well. Place meaty halves of wings (the drumettes) on grill and cook, turning, for 4 minutes.

3. Add remaining halves of wings to grill and continue to cook, turning constantly, for 13 to 15 minutes (until wings reach an internal temperature of 160 degrees).

TITA EM'S WINGS

Adapted from King Phojanakong, Kuma Inn, New York.

Time: 1 1/2 hours

3/4 cup rice vinegar

3/4 cup soy sauce

6 to 8 cloves garlic, crushed

3/4 teaspoon whole black peppercorns

2 bay leaves

2 1/2 pounds chicken wings, tips removed and sectioned

1/4 cup vegetable oil

1/3 cup coconut milk

1. In a large saucepan, combine the vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, peppercorns and bay leaves. Add 1 1/4 cups water and mix well. Add the chicken wings and marinate at room temperature for 30 minutes.

2. Cover pan, place over high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, covered, until tender, 30 to 40 minutes. Remove chicken from braising liquid and set aside on a rack to drain and dry.

3. In a large skillet, heat the oil, add the wings and fry until golden brown.

4. Return braising liquid to a boil. Add coconut milk and bring to a simmer. Add chicken wings, coat with sauce and serve. □

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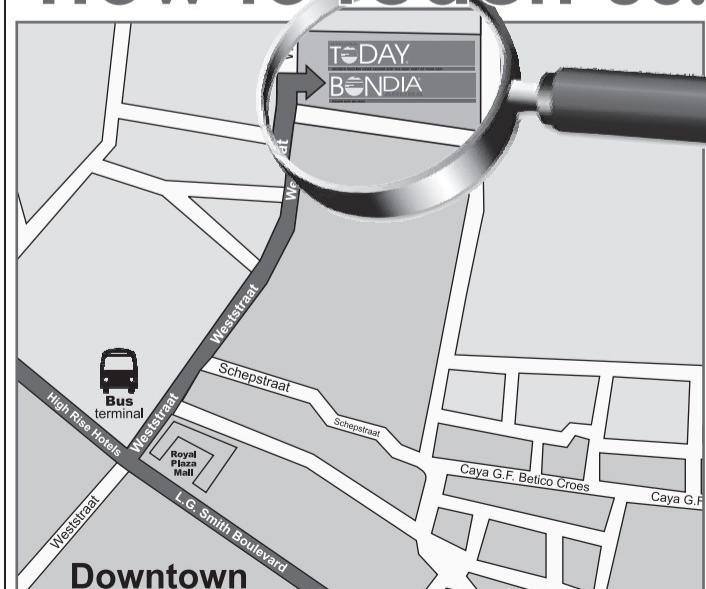
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Dishes at a restaurant in Logrono, Spain. Following the Mediterranean diet may help reverse a condition known as metabolic syndrome, new research suggests.

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Study links Mediterranean diet to better heart health

Kathleen Doheny
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(HealthDay News) - Following the Mediterranean diet may help reverse a condition known as metabolic syndrome, new research suggests. The study compared a low-fat diet to a Mediterranean diet -- a diet rich in whole grains, vegetables, fruits, legumes, nuts, fish and olive oil. The Mediterranean diet was supplemented with either extra nuts or extra virgin olive oil. The Mediterranean diet didn't lower the odds of developing metabolic syndrome -- a collection of risk factors for heart disease -- compared to following a low-fat diet, the study found. But, the Mediterranean diet did increase the chance of reversing metabolic syndrome, said lead researcher Dr. Jordi Salas-Salvado, a professor of nutrition at the Universitat Rovira I Virgili and Hospital Univer-

sitari de Sant Joan de Reus, in Spain. "It seems that the Mediterranean diet supplemented with nuts or virgin olive oil has similar effects on the metabolic syndrome reversal," he said. Those on the Mediterranean diet with extra olive oil were 35 percent more likely than those on the low-fat diet to reverse the condition and those on the Mediterranean diet supplemented with nuts were 28 percent more likely to reverse metabolic syndrome, according to the study. Research results were published online Oct. 14 in CMAJ. The Spanish government funded the study. A Mediterranean diet has been shown to be helpful for people with cardiovascular disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and metabolic syndrome, according to background information from the study. In the study, Salas-Salvado's team looked at almost 6,000

men and women at risk for heart disease. At the start, almost two-thirds had metabolic syndrome, which increases the risk of heart disease, diabetes and death, according to the study. Metabolic syndrome is diagnosed when three or more of five risk factors are found: large waist, high blood pressure, low "good" (HDL) cholesterol, high triglycerides and high blood sugar, according to background information in the study. After a follow-up period of about five years, 28 percent of those who had metabolic syndrome at the start did not have it, the study found. Those who ate the Mediterranean diet were more likely to reverse the condition, the researchers reported.

Those who ate the Mediterranean diet also had a decrease in belly fat, which is known to increase heart disease risk, according to the study. Many ingredients found in the Mediterranean diet can explain these effects, Salas-Salvado said. Monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA), which are found in olive oil, replace saturated fatty acids in a Mediterranean diet, and this helps the cholesterol profile and insulin sensitivity (which decreases type 2 diabetes risk), according to the study. □

Exercise may not ward off depression in teens

Steven Reinberg
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(HealthDay News) - Although exercise has long been thought to help improve the symptoms of depression, teenagers may not reap these benefits, a new British study suggests.

The study found that physical activity levels in early teen years didn't appear to affect rates of depression in later teen years.

"Those participants who were more physically active in early adolescence did not subsequently have significantly lower (or higher) depressive symptoms or significantly altered odds of depressive disorders in later adolescence," the study authors wrote.

"Although it is important to promote physical activity because of its well-documented effect on physical health, during adolescence, physical activity may not serve as a strong protective factor of developing depressive symptoms or disorders," they added.

However, some U.S. experts questioned the findings based on the study's design, noting, for example, that the researchers didn't delineate the type of activity performed, or whether it was done by choice or as part of a physical education class.

The research, published online Oct. 13 in JAMA Pediatrics, involved more than 700 teens who were tracked from November 2005 through January 2010 by a team led by Umar Toseeb from the University of Cambridge. At the start of the study, the researchers measured weekday and weekend physical activity of the teens, whose average age was 14. They also had the teens fill out a questionnaire about their mood changes.

The teens averaged about 53 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each weekday, and about 32 minutes daily on the weekends, according to the study.

Three years later, when the participants were 17, the researchers had them all fill out the mood questionnaire again.

The researchers didn't find any connection between the levels of physical activity at age 14 and any depression experienced at age 17.

"Our findings do not eliminate the possibility that physical activity positively affects depressed mood in the general population; rather, we suggest that this effect may be small or nonexistent during the period of adolescence," the researchers wrote.

Tony Tang, an adjunct professor in the department of psychology at Northwestern University, said the findings were "very intriguing, since physical exercise is often the first thing we recommend to adult clients."

Tang, who was not involved in the study, thinks there may be something unique about the physical activity teens do that makes it different from exercise done by adults. Perhaps only voluntary exercise prevents depression, he said.

"Our adult clients exercise only when they want to, but other people make adolescents exercise all the time. Their schools have PE classes; their parents sign them up for swimming lessons; their coaches make them get up early for football practices, etcetera. Perhaps 'exercise without consent' is not as psychologically beneficial as voluntary exercise," he said.

But Tang took issue with how the study was done. "The authors should have measured depression much more thoroughly," he said. An adolescent might have been depressed during most of the three years of study, but if the depression episode ended a few weeks before the interview, then he or she would be labeled depression-free, Tang said. □



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Jack White's pianist Isaiah Owens dead

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A publicist for Jack White says the rocker is canceling his remaining tour dates in Mexico after the death of his band's keyboard player Isaiah "Ikey" Owens. The statement said Owens, 38, died Tuesday morning in Mexico. Owens was from Long Beach, California, but had recently moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to perform with White's band. The band was scheduled to perform in Guadalajara on Tuesday and Monterrey on Wednesday. Owens also played in other bands, including Mars Volta and Free Moral Agents. "We will all miss you Ikey," the band said in a statement. "You were and are an incredible artist." □

Boyz II Men go to school for concert

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Members of the Grammy-winning group Boyz II Men are returning to their roots with a concert at their old stomping grounds. The R&B trio will give a private show this week at the Philadelphia High School for the Creative & Performing Arts. That's where they met more than two decades ago. The concert is sponsored by SiriusXM, which plans to broadcast the show on Oct. 21. The band's album "Collide" comes out the same day. Boyz II Men sold millions of records in the '90s with hits like "I'll Make Love To You" and "Motownphilly." Their last album, "Twenty," was released in 2011. The crooners have recently been in residency at The Mirage in Las Vegas. Band member Shawn Stockman also serves as a judge on NBC's "The Sing-Off." □

'Rock of Ages' casts YouTube star Chester See

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AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The next big Broadway star is coming from the Internet.

"Rock of Ages" producer Matt Weaver said Tuesday that the show has asked YouTube sensation Chester See to play rock idol Stacee Jaxx. The new media star will start onstage at

songs and comedy videos. His songs have been downloaded on iTunes 500,000 times.

"I looked at this as an exciting opportunity to do something that wouldn't be expected," Weaver said. "He's got a real audience at YouTube, he's got a real voice there, and I think that audience is go-

ring in the web series "Side Effects." See, who has over 1.5 million subscribers and 161 million channel views, will be making his Broadway debut. A graduate of UCLA with a degree in theater arts, he first became known as the host of the Disney Channel's behind-the-scenes entertainment news program "Disney 365" be-



YouTube star Chester See arrives at the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore for the inaugural Social Star Awards. Producers of the musical "Rock of Ages" said Tuesday they've cast YouTube sensation Chester See in the show as rock idol Stacee Jaxx. See, who has over 1.5 million subscribers and 161 million channel views, will be making his Broadway debut starting Oct. 27.

(AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

the venerable Helen Hayes Theatre on Oct. 27 and will play through Jan. 4.

See, who auditioned for the part after being noticed by producers, has made a name for himself doing pop covers, viral original

ing to travel to Broadway." The video for See's song "Whistle While I Work It" has been viewed more than 4 million times and won a Streamy Award for best original song last year. He also is producing and star-

fore he launched his channel in 2007. Weaver stressed that "Rock of Ages" — now 5½ years old — has always prided itself on having a high bar for talent and the addition of See will not lower it. "We are never putting

anyone in the show that's a gimmick or that's a joke or that can't do the job," he said. "First and foremost, we're not putting anyone on the stage who is not great." "Rock of Ages," which was made into a film starring Tom Cruise as Jaxx, tells the story of small-town girl and an aspiring rocker who share the dream of fame and whose paths cross at a legendary rock club. It's all set to a rock 'n' roll soundtrack that includes "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," "Cum on Feel The Noize" and "I Wanna Know What Love Is." The show has always been envelope-pushing, whether it's handing out lighters in the theater, casting current and former NFL stars to do cameos or getting Randi Zuckerberg, a sister of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, to play a role. The addition of See offers the potential to increase Broadway's audience with a younger crowd.

"Rock of Ages" has always led the charge of being innovative," said Weaver. "Hopefully, it does open up a new world. This guy has 1.5 million fans who tune in and look at his content every single week. I find it hard to believe that a good portion of those people are not going to come buy tickets to the show." □

Actress Joan Fontaine's property to be auctioned

NEW YORK (AP) — Items from the California home of Academy Award-winning actress Joan Fontaine, including her 1941 Oscar for best actress, are heading for the auction block.

The 104 lots of fine art, silver, lighting, furniture and jewelry are scheduled to be spread over four auctions and could realize more than \$1 million, Christie's said Tuesday.

Her Oscar for her role as the timid wife in Alfred Hitchcock's "Suspicion" opposite Cary Grant could bring \$200,000 to \$300,000 on Dec. 11.

The actress died last December in her home in Carmel, California, at age

96.

The entire proceeds will benefit the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Monterey, California, the auction house said. Fontaine was a big supporter of the SPCA, adopting three of her dogs — Kita, Fang IV and Samantha — from the organization.

Fontaine appeared in more than 30 movies. She gained stardom in 1940 in Hitchcock's "Rebecca," which won the Academy Award for best picture and earned Fontaine the first of her three Oscar nominations.

Three of the auctions will be held in New York between November and



This photo of the Marc Chagall painting "Vase of Flowers in the Window," was provided by Christie's, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014. The painting is part of the estate of actress Joan Fontaine and is to be auctioned on Dec. 11, 2014 in New York.

(AP Photo/Christie's)

January.

Among other highlights is

a 1935 painting by Marc Chagall, "Vase of Flowers in the Window," which could bring \$400,000 to \$600,000 on Nov. 6.

A set of turquoise and cultured pearl "twist" jewelry by Van Cleef & Arpels will be offered in a Jan. 13 sale for an estimated \$4,000 to \$6,000. A single painting from her home, "Chrysanthemums in a Vase" by Lin Fengmian, will be offered in November at Christie's Hong Kong sale of Chinese modern paintings. It has a pre-sale estimate of up to \$250,000.

Fontaine, who also made New York her home for 25 years, was the sister of another Hollywood legend, Olivia de Havilland. □

Nielsen says ABC didn't really win in ratings

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Nielsen company said Tuesday its report last week that ABC's evening newscast had broken a 263-week winning streak by NBC was incorrect.

The ratings reversal is the most visible example of a software error that Nielsen said had affected its measurement of television audiences since March. Because of the error, in many cases Nielsen had overestimated ABC's viewership in

comparison to its rivals. It had been cause for celebration at ABC when Nielsen reported that for the week beginning Sept. 29, "World News Tonight" had averaged 8.42 million viewers to 8.25 million for NBC's "Nightly News." NBC's newscast, anchored by Brian Williams, hadn't lost a week since 2009. Nielsen, after fixing the software error and checking the numbers again, said that in fact ABC's newscast that week had 8.11 million viewers compared to

NBC's 8.28 million. So NBC's winning streak stretched to 264 weeks. Actually, it now stands at 265, since the company said NBC also won last week. Bragging rights are important at the flagship telecasts for network news division. The perception that one network is gaining and the other is sinking also has financial repercussions, as advertisers look to hook up with the hot broadcast. "We rely on Nielsen like everybody else in the industry and need accurate information," said ABC News spokesman Jeffrey Schneider.

The Nielsen flub "in no way changes the obvious momentum" of "World News Tonight," which has been anchored since the beginning of September by David Muir, Schneider said. ABC has won several weeks among the 25-to-54-year-old viewers who are considered extra valuable to advertisers, even as most evening news viewers are older.

"We are pleased that the

corrected numbers confirm that 'Nightly News' is the No. 1 news broadcast in America," said Erika Masonhall, NBC News spokeswoman.

"We remain, first and foremost, committed to our viewers and bringing them a broadcast with credible, authoritative news they can trust."

Nielsen has been going over its records for the past few weeks to determine if the software error caused other high-profile changes in the rankings.

With album, series and film, Driver in overdrive

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AP Entertainment Reporter
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Talk about a career in high gear. Over the course of five weeks this autumn, Minnie Driver will have delivered a new album, performed in concert, appeared in a new big-screen musical and marked the start of the second season of her latest TV series when "About a Boy" returns to NBC on Tuesday night. Based on the 1998 Nick Hornby novel and 2002 film starring Hugh Grant, the series spins around a man-child, the neighbor kid he befriends and that boy's eccentric, sometimes overbearing mother, Fiona. "She's odd, and, you know, and I don't ever want to ever play anything linear and unconflicted," Driver said, speaking by phone from New York. "It's fun playing a messy



Minnie Driver arrives at the 66th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live in Los Angeles. At 44, Driver is in overdrive, with a just-released album, a key role in the upcoming big-screen "Beyond the Lights" and a lead in the NBC dramedy "About a Boy," which returns for its second season this week.

(Photo by Jordan Strauss/Invision)

person." Driver added that only a few ties bind her to Fiona, one being that they're both "very British." And both Fiona and Driver can sing. In the show's season-one finale, Fiona/Driver served up a spot-on a capella reading of the hymn "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" Last week saw the arrival of Driver's third album for the Rounder Zoo label, "Ask Me to Dance," a compilation of covers by artists ranging from Frank Sinatra to The Cure. "Even though I didn't write them, (the songs are) linked to very specific memories and very specific moments of my life," Driver said.

Next month, she's back in the music business, but as an actress on the big screen playing what Driver called "a mean momager" in the musical "Beyond the Lights."

Not Pink: Alecia Moore's new music is with You+Me

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Entertainment Writer
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)

— Don't call Alecia Moore "Pink" — at least for now. The 35-year-old entertainer is just being herself in You+Me, her new acoustic project with Canadian singer-songwriter Dallas Green. The duo released its debut album Tuesday.

"This has nothing to do with Pink," Moore says, sitting by Green's side at Santa

Monica's Viceroy Hotel. "Pink was my nickname as a kid but it's become this thing that I do. If you say the name Pink, you conjure up a woman hanging from a ceiling in a piece of cloth, screaming about her husband," she laughs. "This is just me and my friend Dallas. He doesn't call me Pink."

Moore and Green say they weren't even trying to create an album. They were just a couple of old

friends having fun and making music.

"The fact that there were no expectations — I think that's what made it so freeing," she says. "I felt like I was 8 years old again. I just felt like I was doing it because I loved it."

The result is "rose ave.," a collection of nine original, guitar-based duets, along with an outstanding cover of Sade's "No Ordinary Love." The spare arrangements on these

folksy songs spotlight Green and Moore's harmonies.

"I think I sing better when I'm singing with him," she says.

They wrote and recorded the album in a week, which Green attributes to their friendship and overall comfort with each other.

"The reason we wrote so quickly," he says, "was just because it was so energizing, the experience, I think, for both of us, because it was something

different." Since 2005, Green has written and recorded as City and Colour, releasing four studio albums.

As Pink, Moore says she tends to "write to tour."

"I'm way more of a touring person now," she says. "I'm trying to create the best thing I can create so I can do the coolest thing on the stage."

She and Green would not say if they plan to tour as You+Me.

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Invasive Species

An Iraqi official recently told me this story: When the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, took over Mosul in the summer, the Sunni jihadist fighters in ISIS, many of whom were foreigners, went house to house. On the homes of Christians they marked "Nassarah," an archaic Arabic term for Christians. But on the homes of Shiites they marked "Rafidha," which means "those who reject" the Sunni line of authority as to who should be caliph, or leader of the Muslim community, after the death of the Prophet Muhammad.

But here's what was interesting, the Iraqi official said, the term "Rafidha" was largely unknown in Iraq to describe Shiites. It is a term used by Wahhabi fundamentalists in Saudi Arabia. "We did not know this word," he told me. "This is not an Iraqi term."

I was intrigued by this story because it highlighted the degree to which ISIS operates just like an "invasive species" in the world of plants and animals. It is not native to either the Iraqi or Syrian ecosystems. It never before grew in their landscapes.

I find it useful at times to use the natural world to illuminate trends in geopolitics and globalization, and this is one of them. The United States National Arboretum website notes that "invasive plant species thrive where the continuity of a natural ecosystem is breached and are abundant on disturbed sites like construction areas and road cuts. ... In some situations these non-native species cause serious ecological disturbances. In the worst cases, invasive plants ... ruthlessly choke out other plant life. This puts extreme pressure on native plants and animals, and threatened species may succumb to this pressure. Ultimately, invasive plants alter habitats and reduce biodiversity."

I can't think of a better way to understand ISIS. It is a coalition. One part consists of Sunni Muslim jihadist fighters from all over the world: Chechnya, Libya, Britain, France, Australia and especially Saudi Arabia. They spread so far, so fast, despite their relatively small numbers, because the disturbed Iraqi and Syrian societies enabled these foreign jihadists to forge alliances with secular, native-born, Iraqi and Syrian Sunni tribesmen and former Baathist army officers, whose grievances were less religious and more about how Iraq and Syria were governed.

Today, ISIS - the foreigners and locals together - is putting pressure on all of Iraq's and Syria's

native species with the avowed goal of reducing the diversity of these once polycultural societies and turning them into bleak, dark, jihadist, Sunni fundamentalist monocultures.

It is easy to see how ISIS spread. Think about the life of a 50-year-old Iraqi Sunni man from Mosul. He first got drafted to fight in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war that ended in 1988. Then he had to fight in the Persian Gulf War I after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Then he lived under a decade of U.N. sanctions that broke Iraq's middle class. Then he had to endure the years of chaos that followed the U.S. invasion, which ended with a corrupt, brutal, pro-Iranian Shiite regime in Baghdad led by Nouri al-Maliki that did all it could to keep Sunnis poor and powerless. This was the fractured political ecosystem in which ISIS found fertile ground.

How do you deal with an invasive species? The National Arboretum says you should "use systemic herbicides carefully" (President Barack Obama's air war), while also constantly working to strengthen and "preserve healthy native plant habitats" (Obama's effort to forge a national unity government in Baghdad with Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds together).

Generally speaking, though, over the years in Iraq and Afghanistan we have overspent on herbicides (guns and training) and underinvested in the best bulwark against invasive species (noncorrupt, just governance). We should be pressing the Iraqi government, which is rich with cash, to focus on delivering to every Iraqi still under its control 24 hours of electricity a day, a job, better schools, more personal security and a sense that no matter what sect they're from the game is not rigged against them and their voice will count. That is how you strengthen an ecosystem against invasive species.

"It was misgovernance which drove Iraqis to contemplate a relationship with ISIS with the view that it was less detrimental to their interests than their own (Shiite-led) government," explained Sarah Chayes, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment who is a former U.S. adviser in Afghanistan and author of the upcoming "Thieves of State: Why Corruption Threatens Global Security." The Iraqi army we built was seen by many Iraqi Sunnis "as the enforcer of a kleptocratic network." That army got "sucked dry by the cronies of Maliki so it became a hollow shell that couldn't withstand the first bullet."

The goal of ISIS now is to draw us in, get us to bomb Sunni towns and drive the non-ISIS Sunnis away from America and closer to ISIS, "because," notes Chayes, "ISIS knows it can't survive without the support of these non-ISIS Sunnis."

We always overestimate military training and force and underestimate what Arabs and Afghans want most: decent and just governance. Without the latter, there is no way to cultivate real citizens with a will to fight - and without will there is no training that matters.

Ask any general - or gardener. □



Putin Shows His Hand



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A few days ago, The Financial Times published an interview with a Russian businessman named Sergei Pugachev. Once an ally of President Vladimir Putin, Pugachev owned shipbuilding and construction interests, as well as a bank. Indeed, he was once known as "the Kremlin's banker." But his bank collapsed a few years ago, and, in 2012, the government seized his two shipyards. Jointly valued at \$3.5 billion by the accounting firm of BDO, they were sold to a competitor, United Shipbuilding Corp., for \$422.5 million, according to the paper.

The chairman of United Shipbuilding at the time was Igor Sechin, one of Putin's closest associates and the head of Rosneft, the state oil company. Russian businessmen, Pugachev complained to The Financial Times, had become nothing more than "serfs" in Russia. "Today in Russia, there is no private property," he added. "There are only serfs who belong to Putin."

And so it goes in Putin's Russia. I had been making inquiries, hoping to find out whether the sanctions imposed by the United States and the European Union in the wake of Russia's takeover of Crimea were working. The answer, I believe, is yes, but not necessarily in the way you'd

think.

The first point to make is that the Russian economy has been in a downturn ever since Putin returned to power in May 2012. In recent months, that slide accelerated. Economic growth has flat-lined. The ruble is in free fall. Inflation is rising. More than \$100 billion of capital is expected to flee the country this year. Most ominous of all, the price of oil - Russia's primary asset, upon which the government depends to finance itself - has been dropping.

Although the mounting problems have been coincident with the sanctions, it is impossible to say for sure whether there is a direct correlation. (One thing that is making a difference, I should note, is the boom in American oil and gas, which has produced a glut of fossil fuel and has helped depress prices.) The direct effect will more likely be felt in the near future, when, for instance, Russian companies have to refinance their debt despite being locked out of Western capital markets.

What the sanctions have done, though, is bring out the worst tendencies of Putin and his close associates, putting them on display for all to see. The rule of law has long been a fiction in Russia, but, for years, Western businessmen - and Russian businessmen as well - made excuses. Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the former oligarch who spent 10 years in a Soviet penal colony, had foolishly decided to take Putin on politically, they would say.

But since the sanctions have been put in place, McDonald's restaurants, which had never had any problems before in Russia, are suddenly being closely inspected and a handful shut down. Other Western companies are having similar troubles.

Or take the case of Vladimir Yevtushenkov, a Russian billionaire who ran Sistema, a big conglomerate. One of Sistema's assets was Bashneft, Russia's sixth-largest oil

company by output. Last month, Yevtushenkov was placed under house arrest, accused of money laundering. After a court hearing, his shares in Bashneft were seized by the government.

Yevtushenkov was not politically active like Khodorkovsky. He was no threat to Putin. But it is widely believed that Bashneft's assets will eventually find their way to Sechin and become part of Rosneft. Rosneft had asked the government for a \$40 billion bailout to help it withstand Western sanctions; handing it cheap assets is certainly one way to help.

"Rule No. 1 for Putin is that his people will be protected, and he is signaling that," said Karen Dawisha, a Russia expert at Miami University of Ohio and the author of a new book, "Putin's Kleptocracy."

"They have started to dip into the pension funds. There are double-digit cuts in the health budget. His people will always be served before the people."

In imposing the sanctions, the Obama administration and its counterparts in Europe have targeted precisely the men and the companies that are closest to Putin. By reacting the way he has, Putin is scaring away not just foreign investors but Russian businessmen as well. Not that he seems to care.

Just a few days ago, the Russian Parliament began the process of passing a law that would allow the government to seize foreign assets - and use them to reimburse oligarchs and others who have been financially hurt by the sanctions. They are calling it the Rotenberg Villa Law, named for Arkady Rotenberg, an oligarch who had four luxury villas in Italy seized because of the sanctions. This is such a foolishly counterproductive measure that even some inside the government protested it. Nonetheless, it will almost surely pass.

Thus, in the face of sanctions, does Russia cut off its nose to spite its face. □

The Chicken Wing Boom: It's Finger Lickin'

JEFF GORDINIER

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Chaz Brown has dreams. Strange ones - sort of like the dreams Kevin Spacey's character had in "American Beauty," except that instead of rose petals hovering in the air, Brown has visions of ethereal flocks of crispy chicken wings. "I've

chefs have learned to scoff at the word "fusion," a dated piece of nomenclature that calls to mind the watery mango salsas of the Benetton years. But the Asia-meets-Dixie menu at Seoul Chicken proves that fusion is alive and well, even if it has put on a clever new costume. For Brown,

Eatery, Kappo Masa and the Bronx Beer Hall, Pok Pok Ny and Hanjan, Mighty Quinn's Barbeque and Mission Cantina, Alder and Ganso.

At these idiosyncratic places, one sticky nibble makes it clear you're not in Buffalo, New York, anymore. Chefs are booking their

Park and Bar Boulud.

"I wanted to open a fine dining restaurant," he said. "That was my thing."

But when fine dining began to look financially unfeasible, if not downright insane, Ballaney took up another cause. He opened International Wings Factory a few days before Super

gum, pitmaster for the expanding network of Mighty Quinn's Barbeque joints, used to work for Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Hooni Kim, who pays homage to wings both at Danji (fried) and Hanjan (grilled), originally emerged from the kitchens at Masa and Daniel. "It's kind of like a test for a chef or a restaurant, to see what they do with a wing," said King Phojanakong, whose juicy, Filipino-inflected adobo version is a star attraction at Kuma Inn, an early adopter of small plates. As with dumplings, sliders and popcorn, the finger-food appeal of chicken wings lies in their structural irresistibility: You see them, you want to pick them up. Restaurants are drawn to wings for the same simple reason their customers are: To order wings is to convert a meal into a potential bacchanal. Especially during football season.

"It's a communal food," said John Stage, the founder of Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, a chain of restaurants that serves an array of flavors, like hoisin sesame, garlic chipotle and "devil's duel." (The last arrives spicy enough to make your lips and gums feel sunburned.)

"It's something you eat with your hands," Stage said. "You really associate chicken wings with a good time. Not too many people are eating chicken wings at funerals."

Although the Korean fondness for double-frying is much in vogue these days, chefs are quick to assure the home cook that chicken wings are easy to prepare and hard to mess up. Frying is optional. Sure, some restaurants smoke them, but that's optional, too. With wings, all you really need to do is soak or coat them in flavor, and apply heat.

At Hanjan, Kim favors an approach so rudimentary it's almost effortless: Marinate the wings for 20 or 25 minutes in soy sauce, mirin, sake and garlic, then drop them on the grill. □



A sampler from the International Wings Factory, including a variety of dipping sauces and, from top, black pepper teriyaki, garlic parmesan beurre blanc and "soul purifier" wings, in New York. This no-frills Upper East Side spot is part of a wave of eateries taking the humble wing to the next level, with flavors taken from far, far beyond Buffalo.

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definitely seen wings flying out of people's heads," he said.

And why wouldn't he? Brown, a 32-year-old chef who trained under Georges Perrier at Le Bec-Fin in Philadelphia, works these days as the M.C. and mastermind behind Seoul Chicken, a New York City hangout where pound after pound of chicken wings come sizzling out of the kitchen every night. Sichuan peppercorn and sea salt wings. Palm sugar and kalamansi wings. Go-chujang Buffalo wings. Fish sauce and garlic wings. For years now, American

a humble, eight-buck plate of chicken wings can be the mannequin for an infinite number of cross-cultural wardrobe changes.

Brown is not merely the latest example of a toque who has chosen to apply high-toned technique to lowbrow food. He's at the forefront of a chicken-wing boom in New York and elsewhere, as a cheap bar snack evolves into a culinary obsession.

It's still pretty cheap, not only at chains like Buffalo Wild Wings, Bonchon and Atomic Wings, but also at smaller New York spots like Seoul Chicken and Ducks

wings on round-trip flights to Manila, Memphis, Tennessee, Mexico City and Bangkok - sometimes at the same restaurant.

That's the case at International Wings Factory, a no-frills cubbyhole where the owner Deepak Ballaney's above-the-counter menu (packed with references to Hawaii, New Orleans, Thailand, France and other destinations) could be titled "Around the World in 80 Wings." Ballaney, who grew up in India and graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, has done brief stints in the kitchens at Eleven Madison

Bowl Sunday in 2013. At that point, he did not fully anticipate or appreciate the symbiotic relationship between chicken wings and football. He sold about 9,000 wings that Sunday. He still remembers screaming at his kitchen team in a gleeful panic: "Fry! Fry! Just keep frying! Fry everything!"

Ballaney has since lost interest in opening a fine dining restaurant.

Like him and Brown, many of the New York chefs with wings flying out of their heads have roots in the realm of mise en place and mignardises. Hugh Man-